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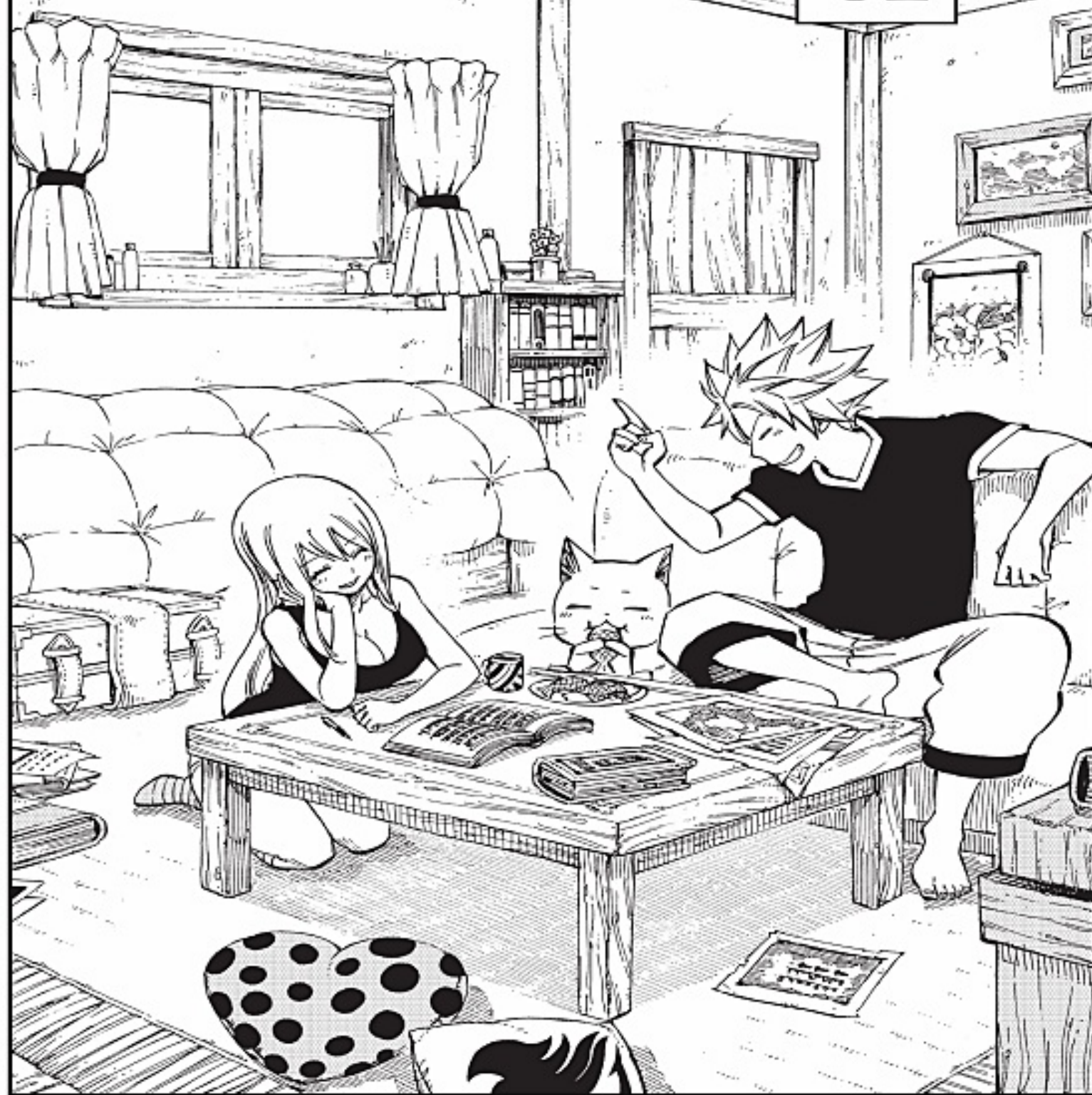
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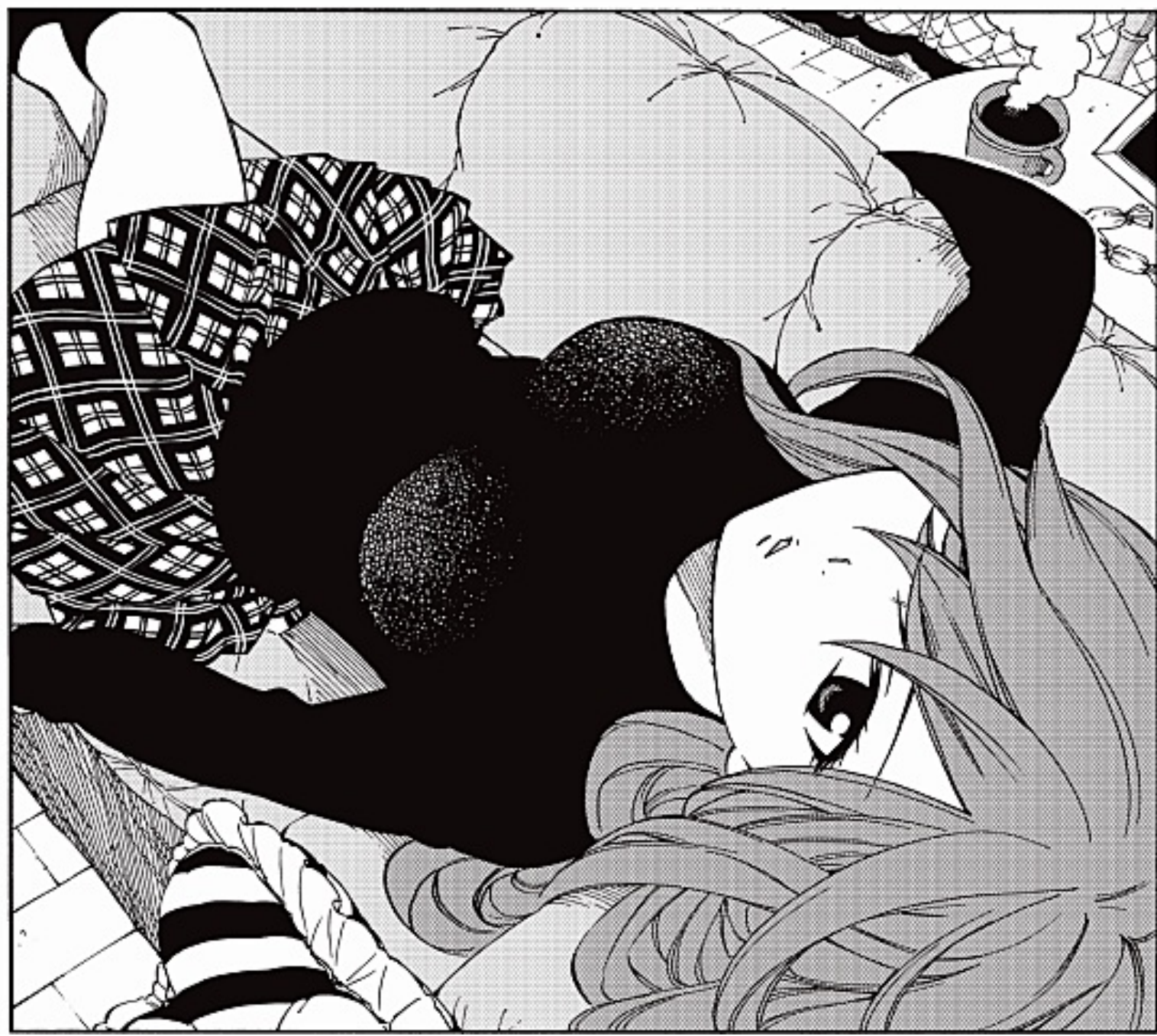
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Chapter 519: Show Me Your Smile



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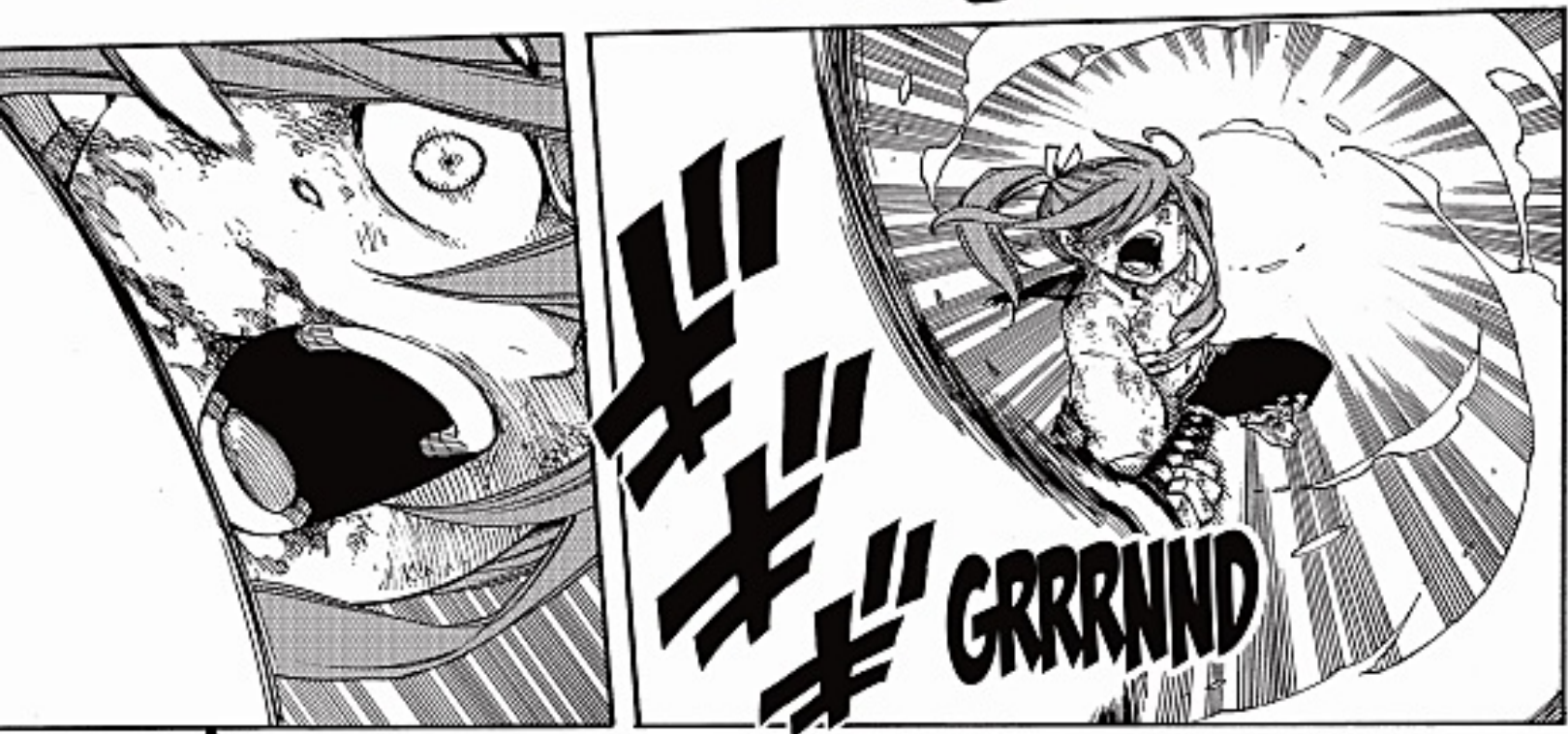
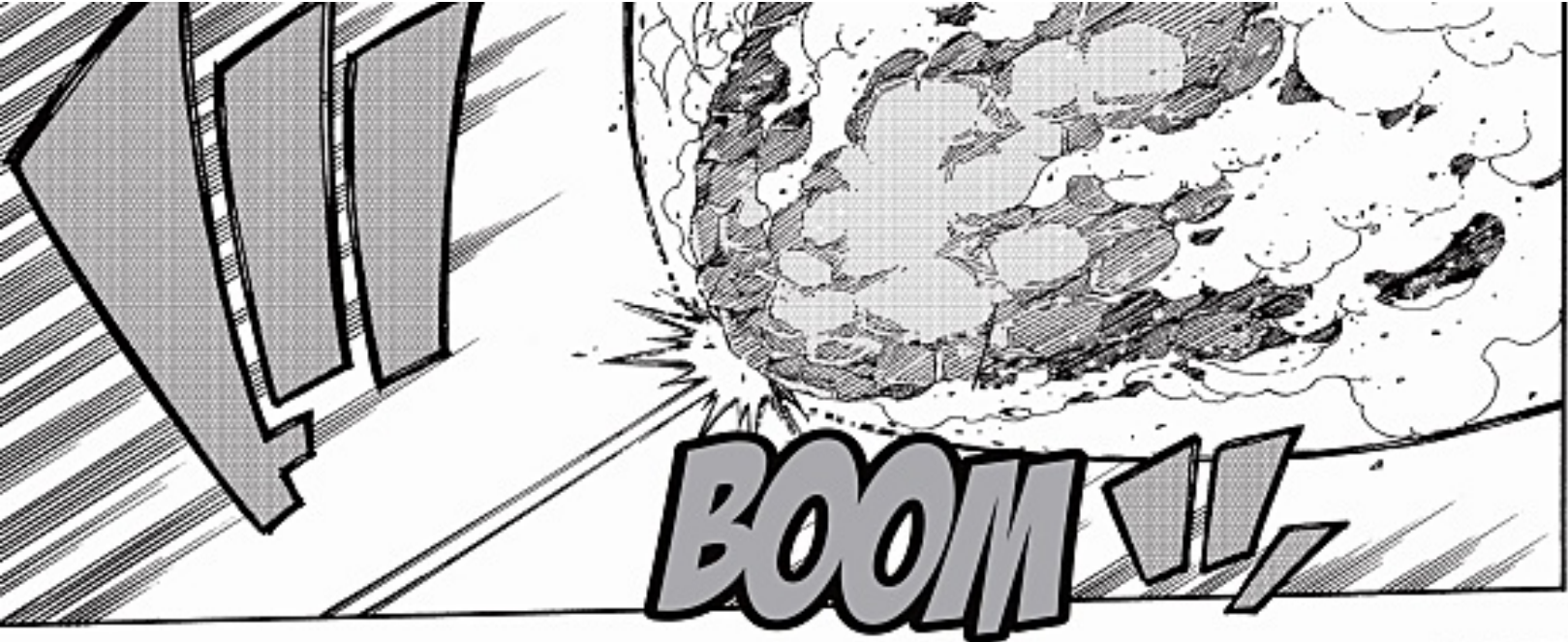
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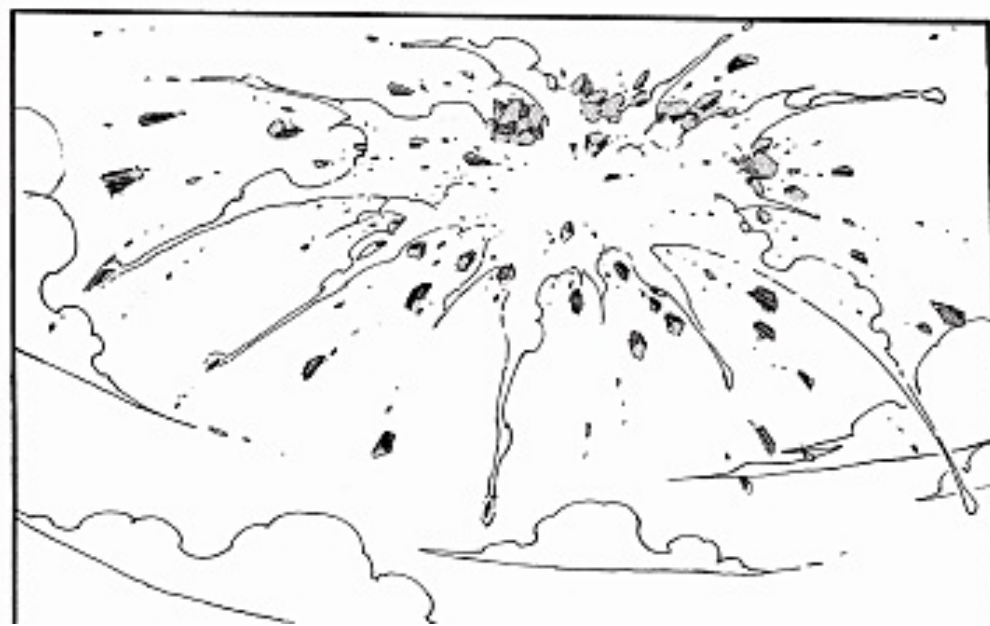
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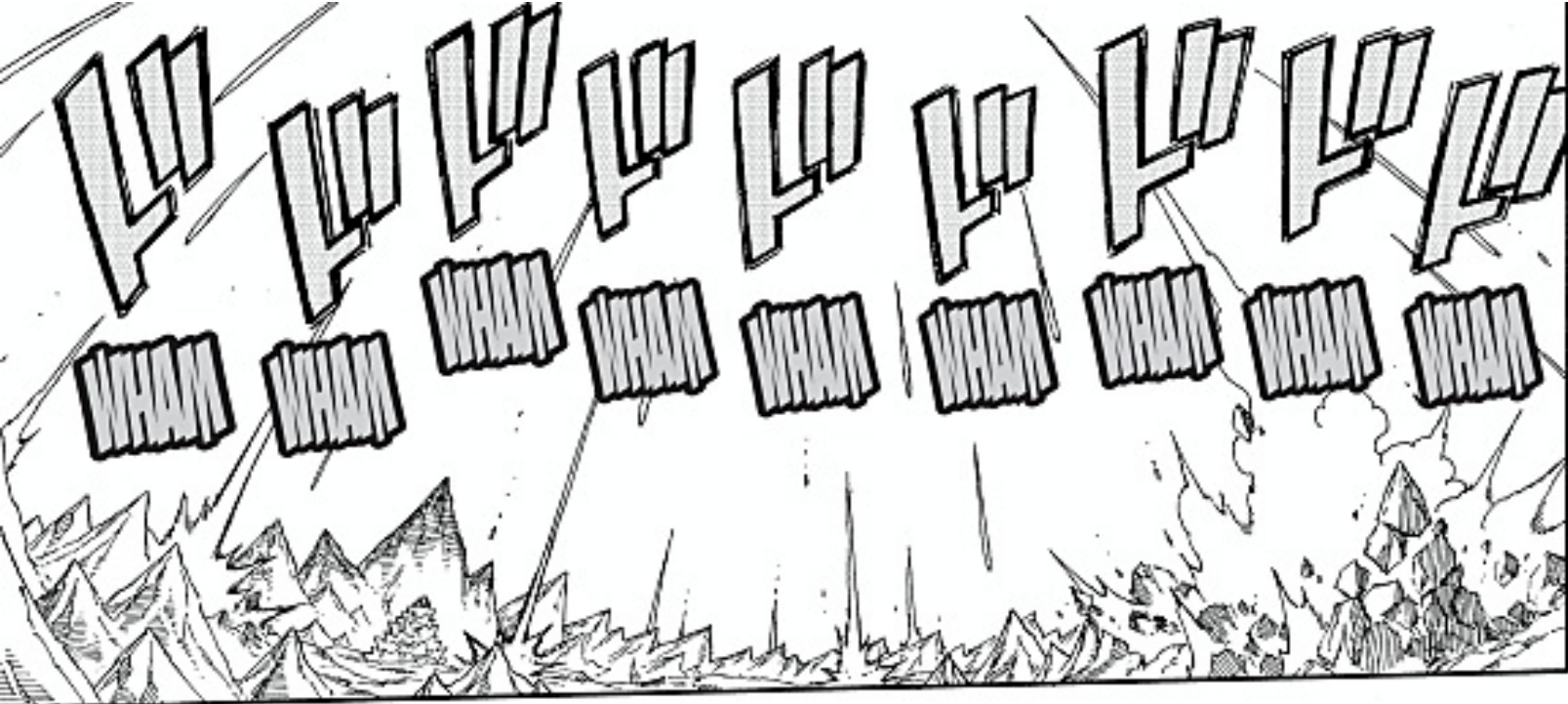
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Prepare to die!



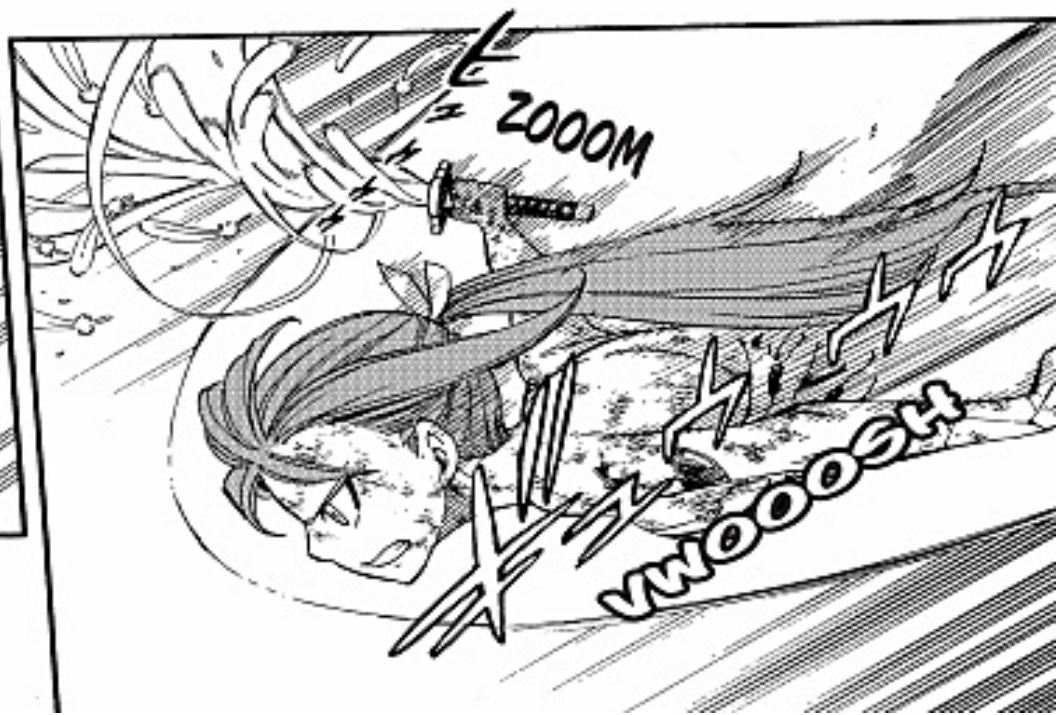
I can... enchant... Erza-san's sword with... dragon slayer magic...



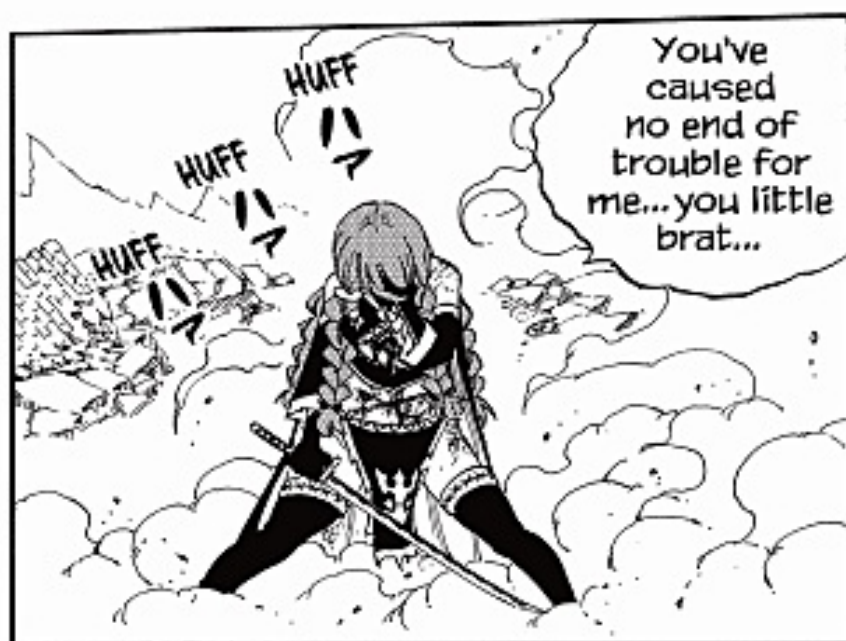
Even if you can cut a meteorite, you can't pierce the armor of a dragon, Erza!!

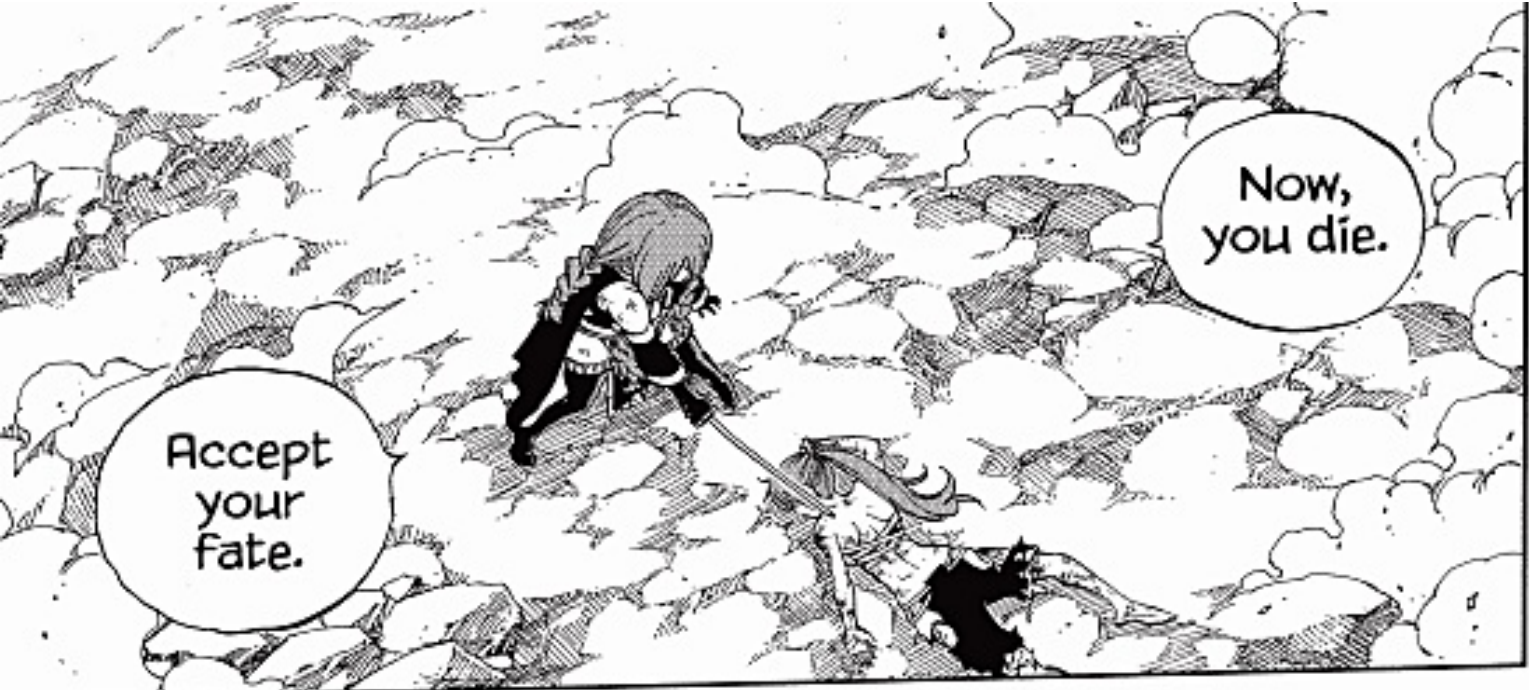


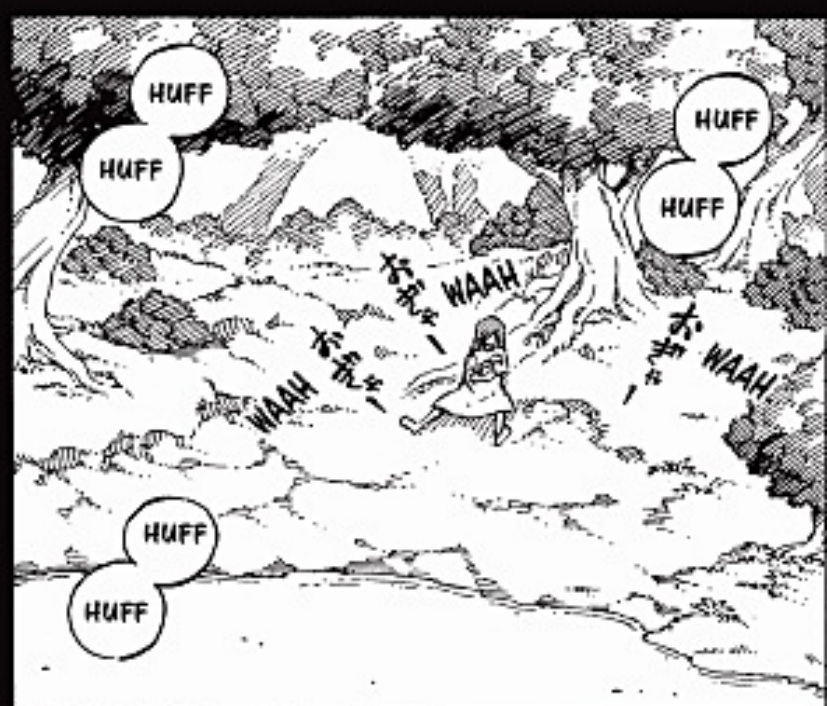
Wha-?!







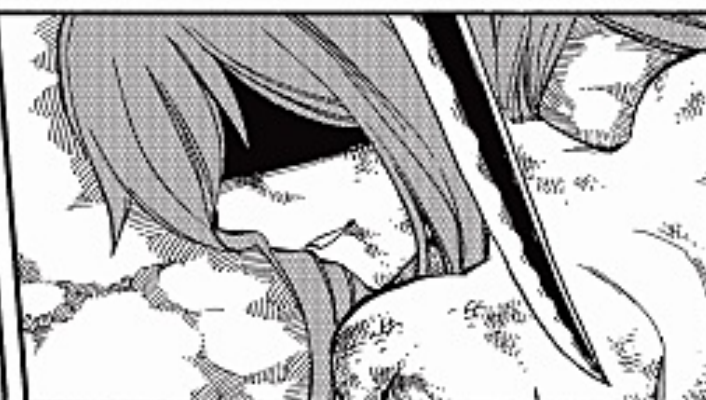








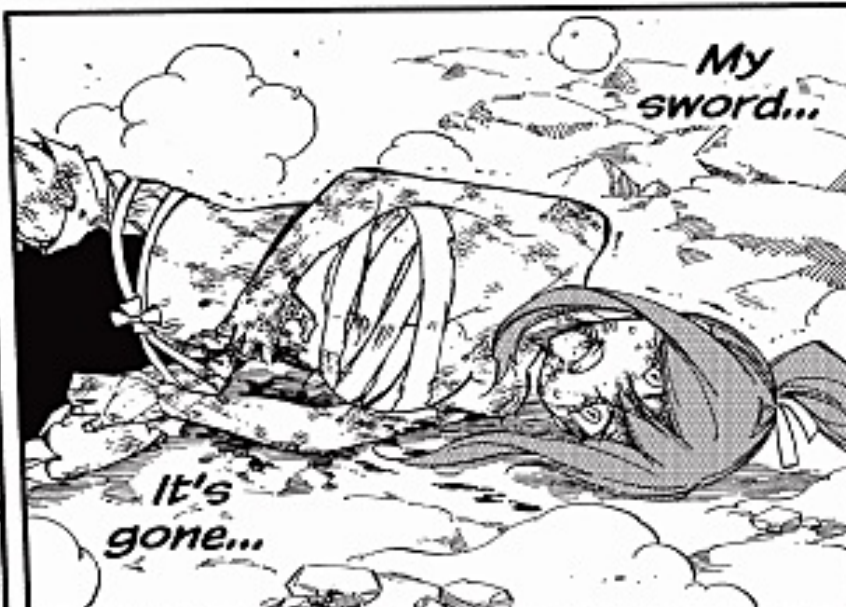
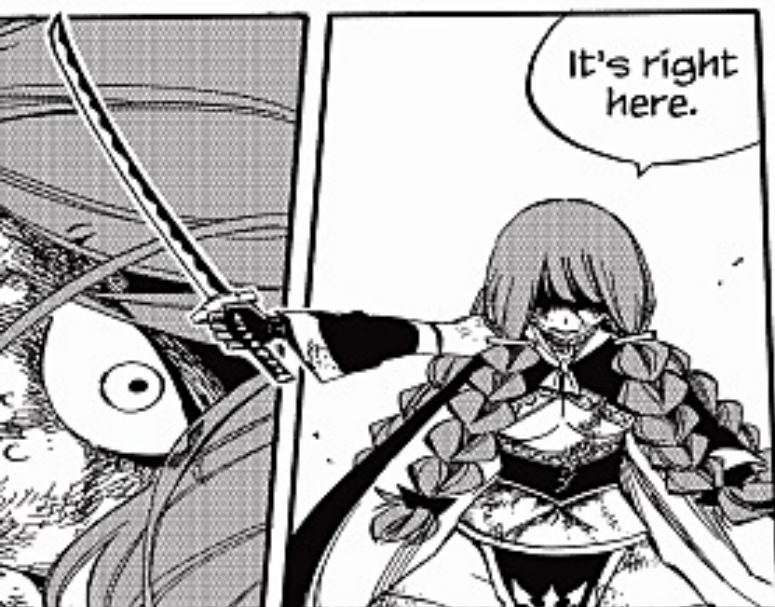
**Stop
smiling
!!!!**





Erza...
san...





ZURCH









A fine question ...



I abandoned you before I could change my mind.



When I was faced with you, my newborn baby, you were just too precious.

I... The truth is that I chose not to Enchant you.

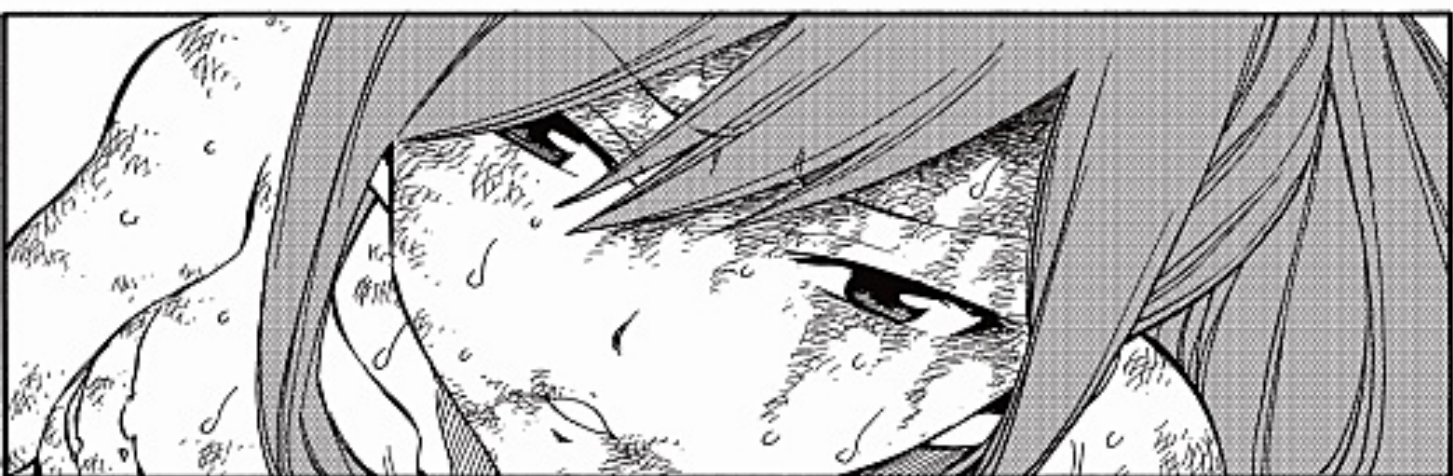


...that... I suppose... made me... remember...



It was your smile...

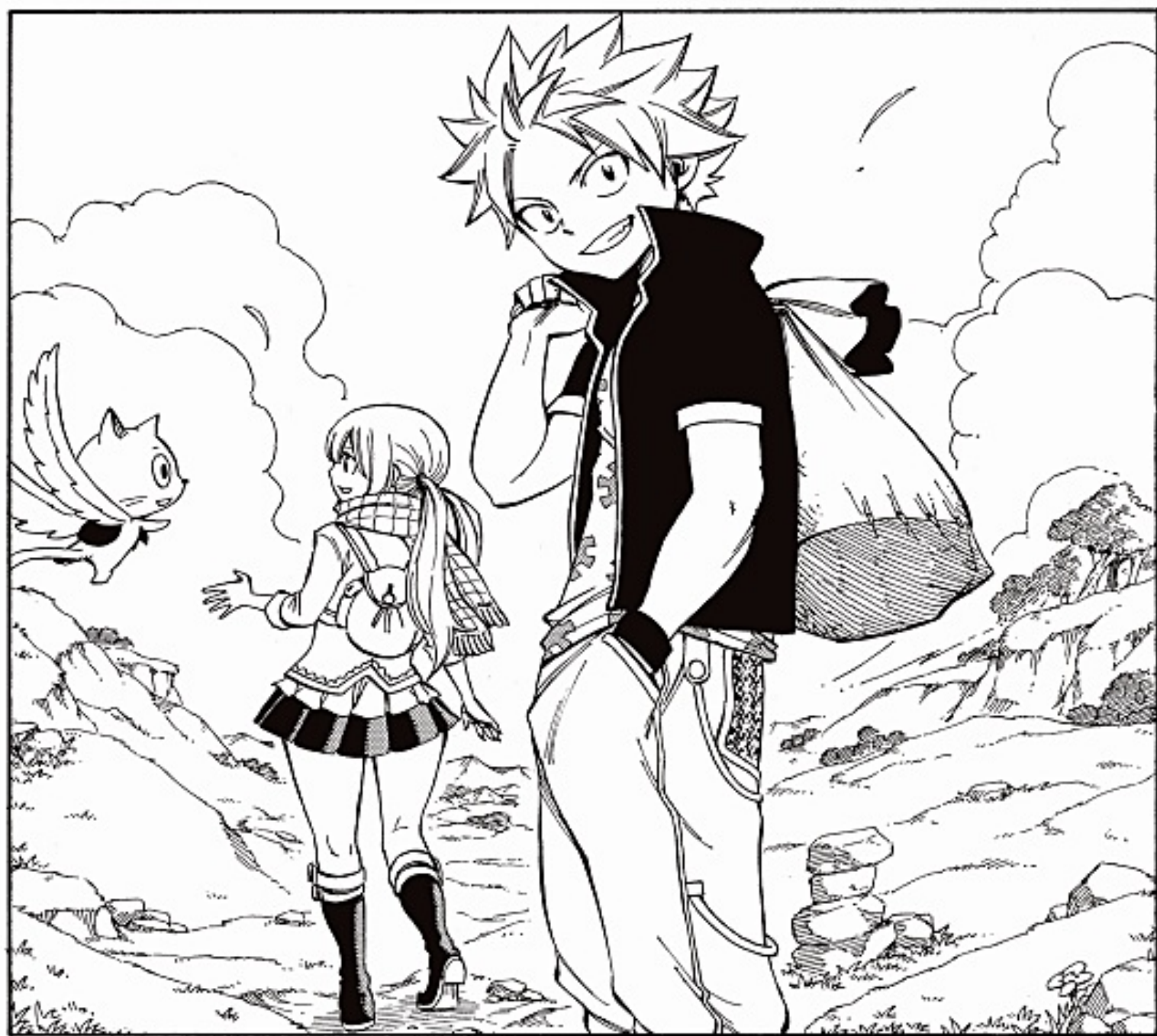


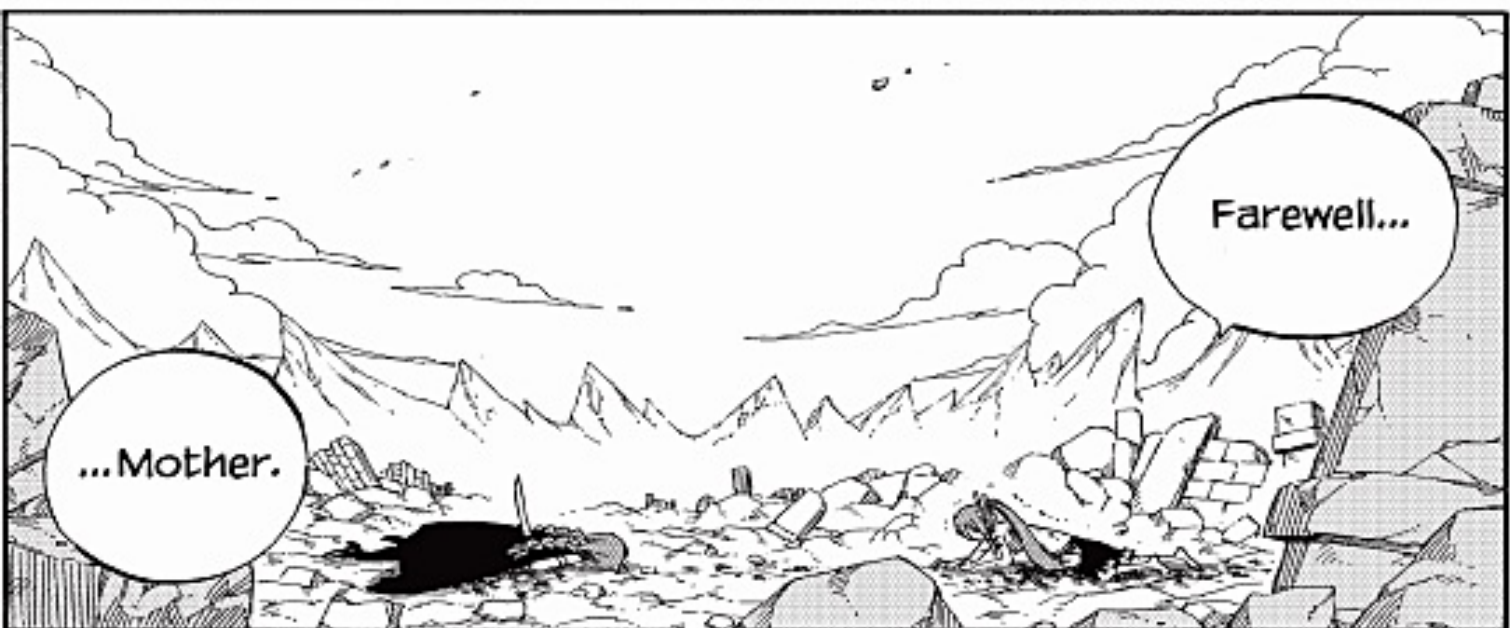
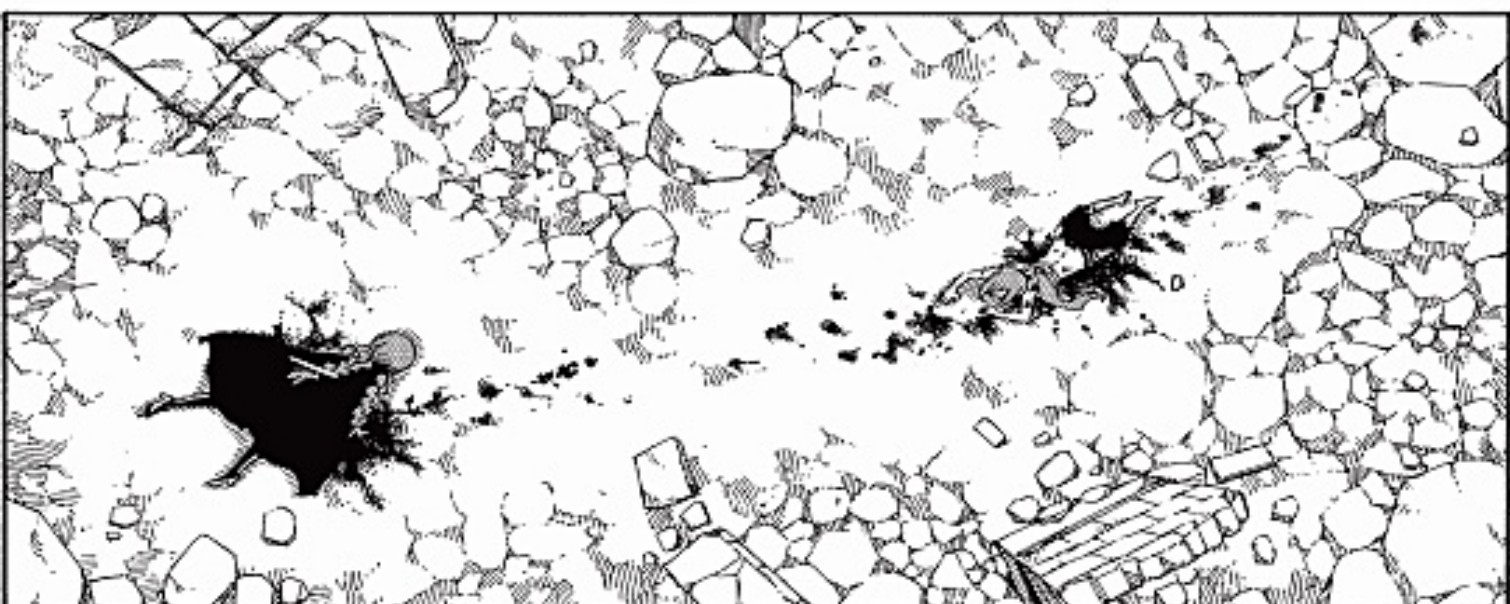


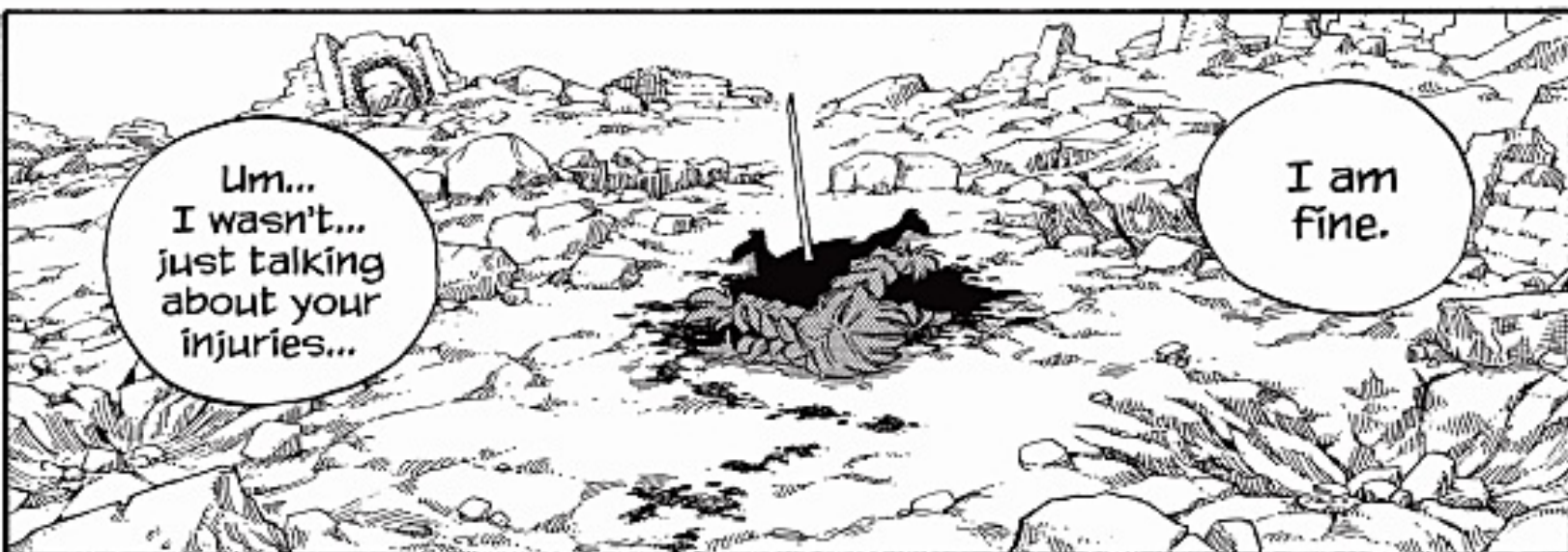
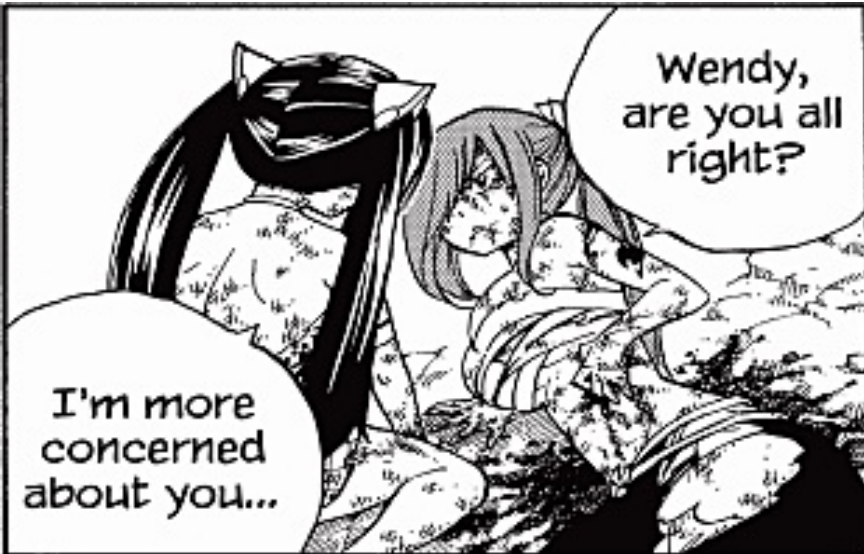
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Chapter 520: Dragon or Demon

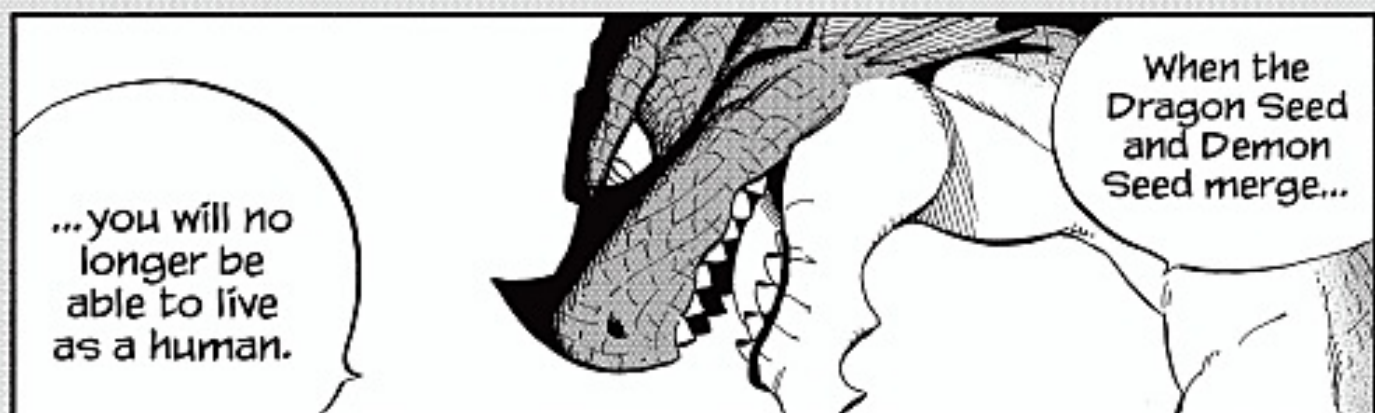


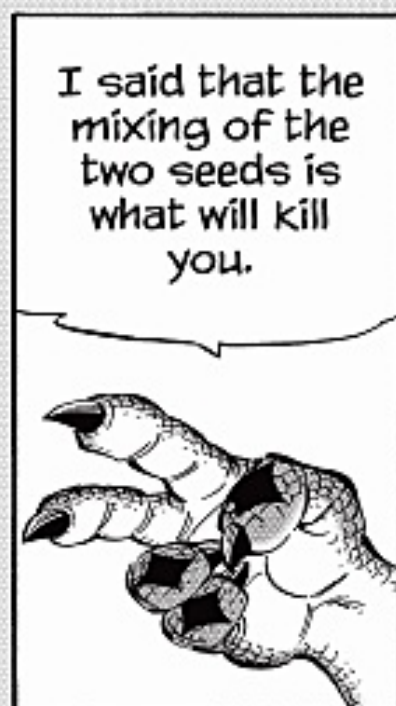


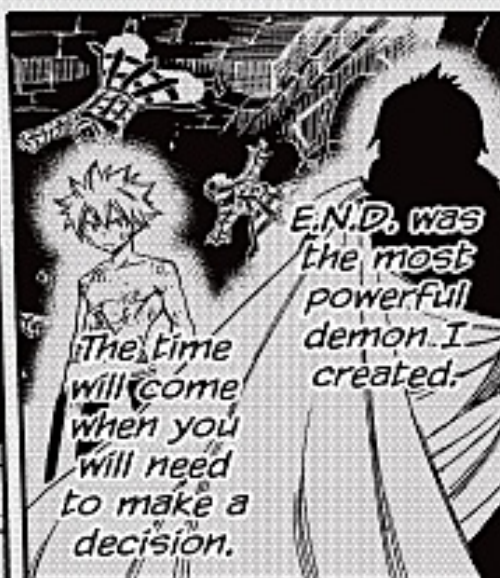






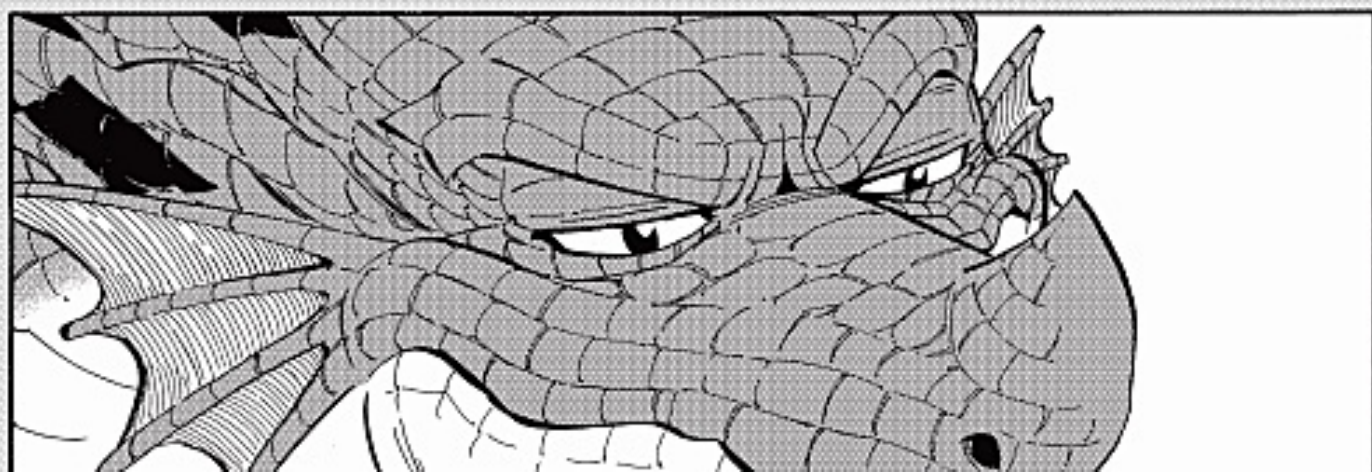








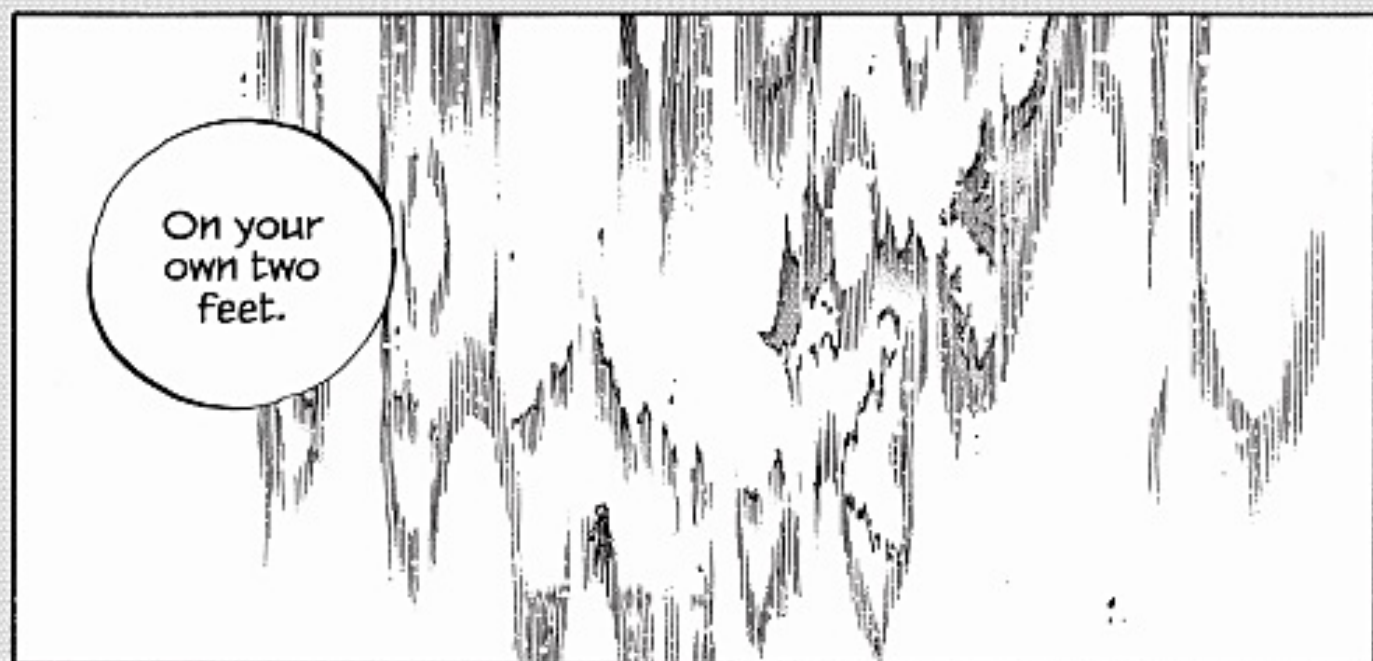
You already know the answer, don't you?







Now, you're
ready to
move on,
right?



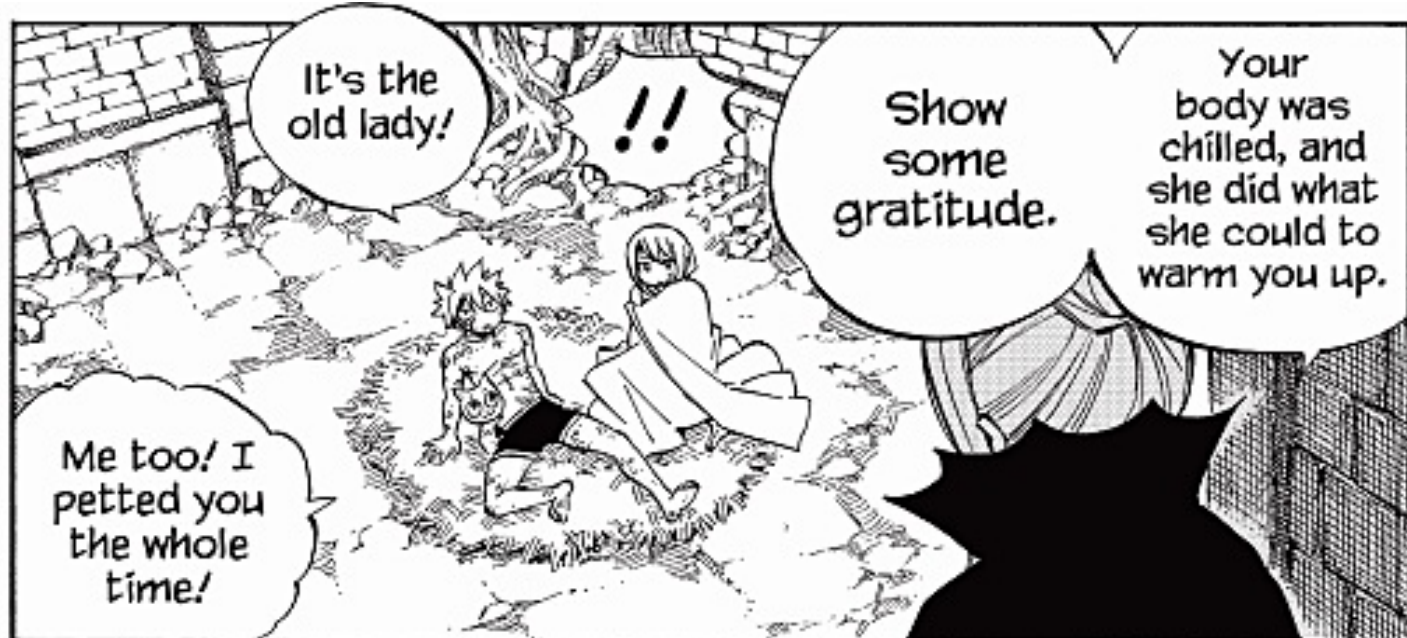
On your
own two
feet.



Yep.







It's the
old lady!

!!
Show
some
gratitude.

Your
body was
chilled, and
she did what
she could to
warm you up.

Me too! I
petted you
the whole
time!

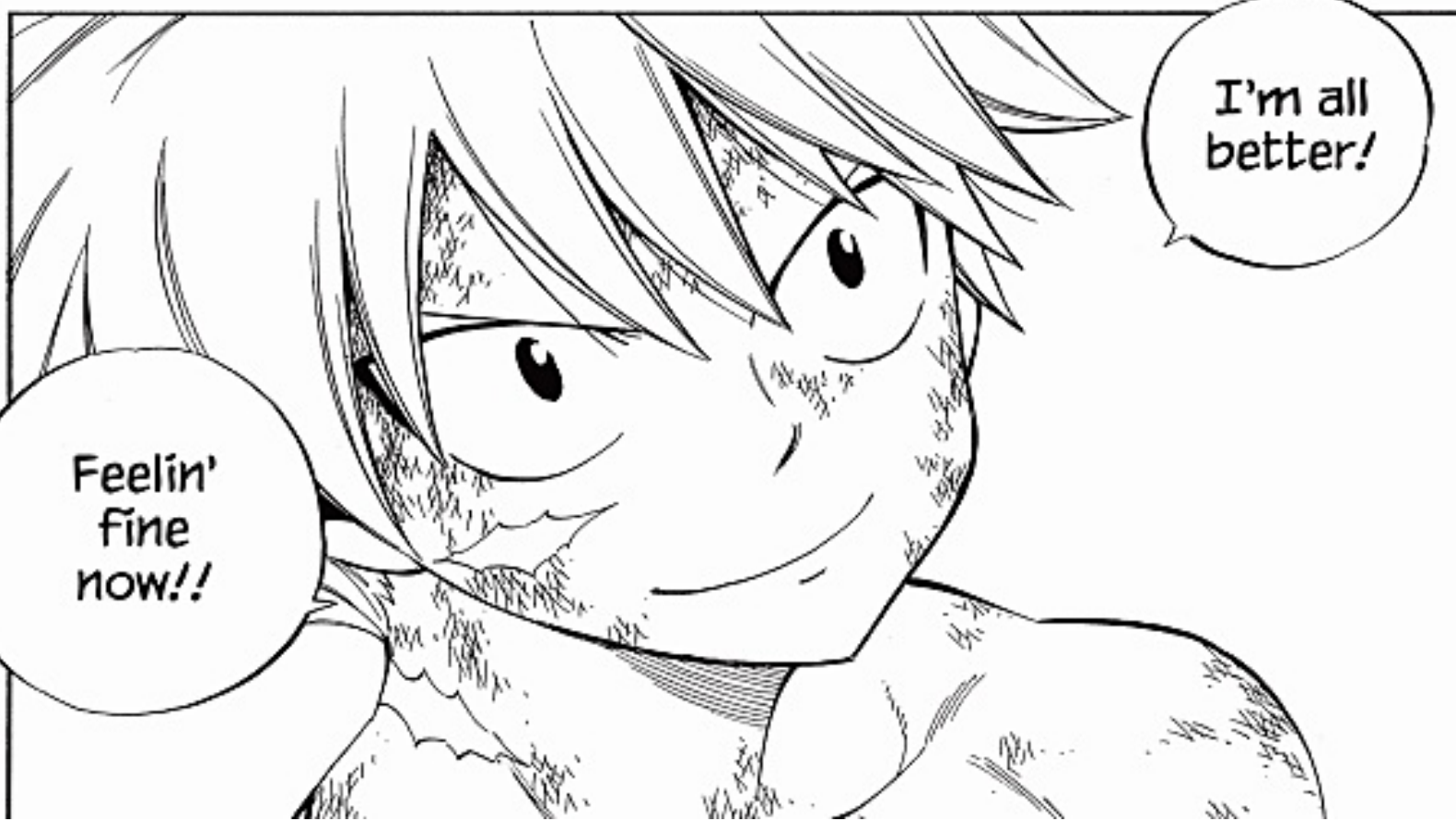


How
are you
feeling?



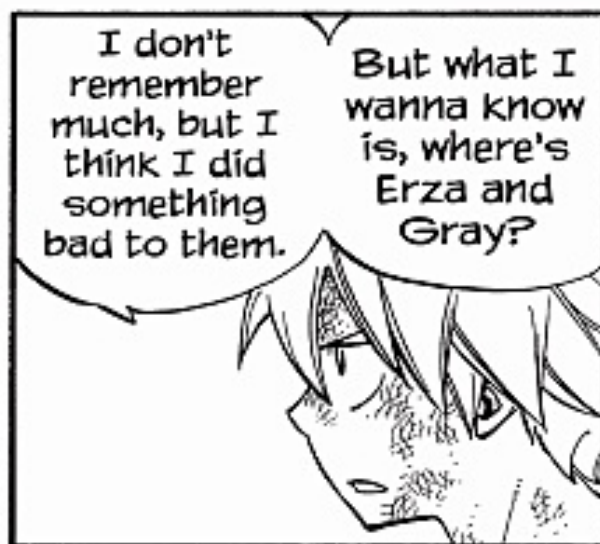
It's not
like I...

So that's
what happened!
Thanks, Lucy
and Happy!



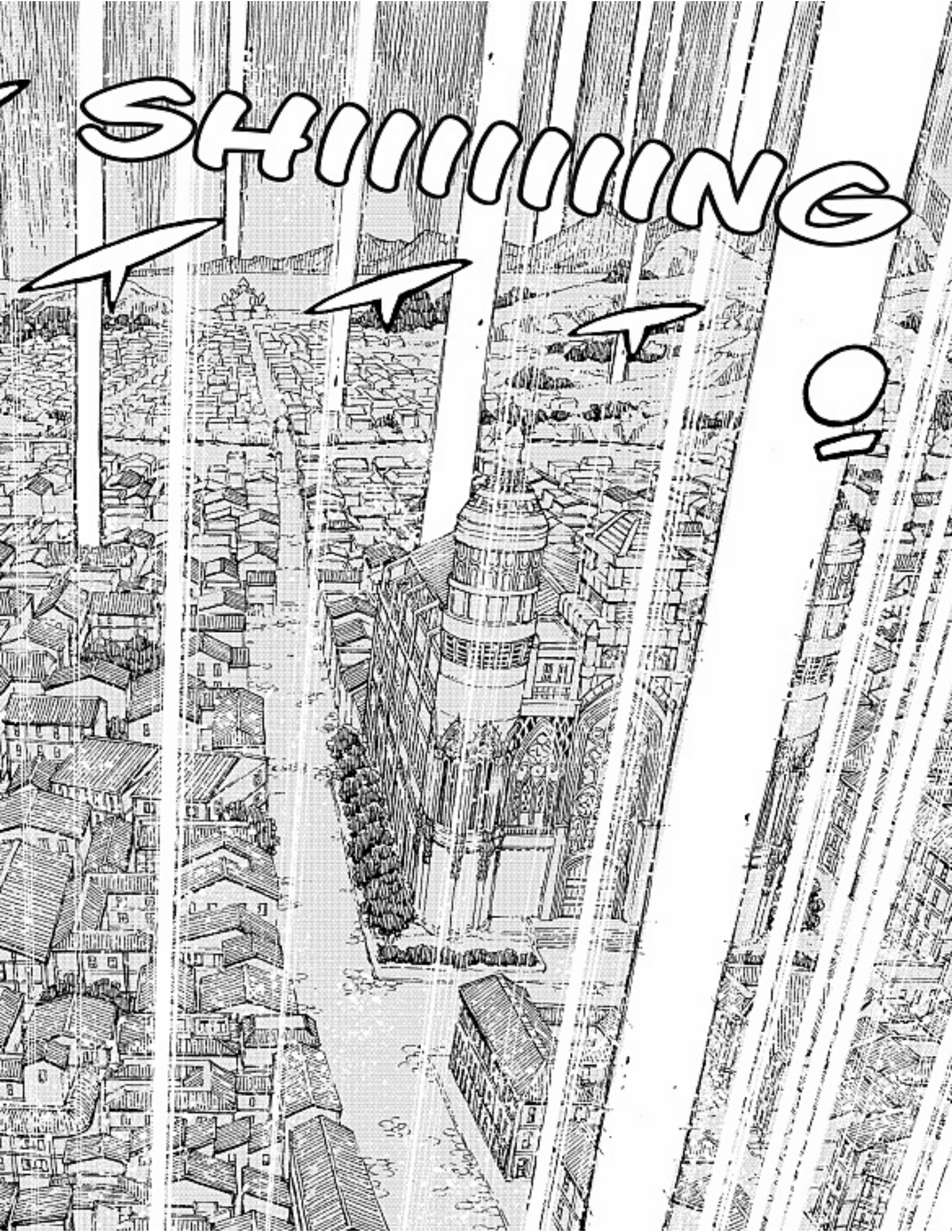
Feelin'
fine
now!!

I'm all
better!









SHIIIIIIING

!

So...
we're
back?

Yeah!!

It's
Magnolia
!!

I know
this
place...

Wait...

That's
perfect,
ain't it?

It's my own
room!!!

Now that
we're back
home...

...we
can head
straight to
our favorite
spot.





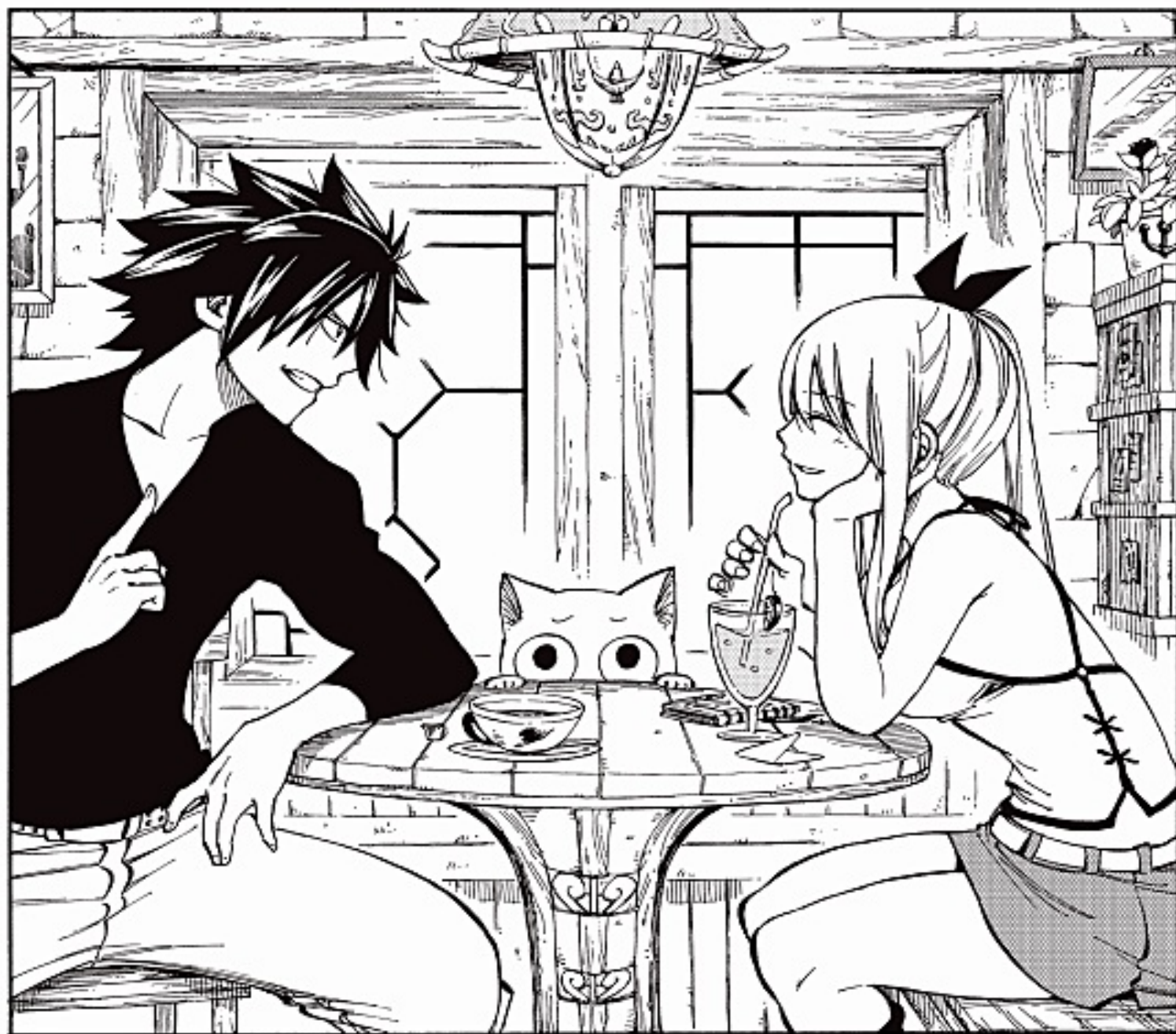
*Fairy
Tail
!!!!*

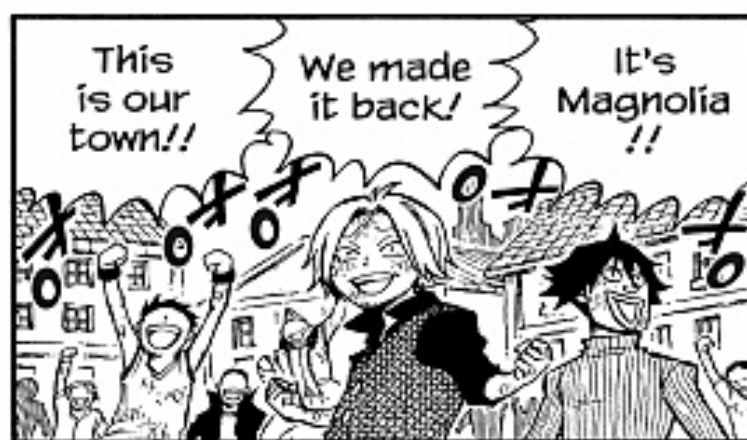
*Aye,
sir!*

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Chapter 521: The Strongest Wizard







And don't forget to scout for enemies behind us!!



This is *our* home ground! We know which positions are easy to defend, so go to one, now!



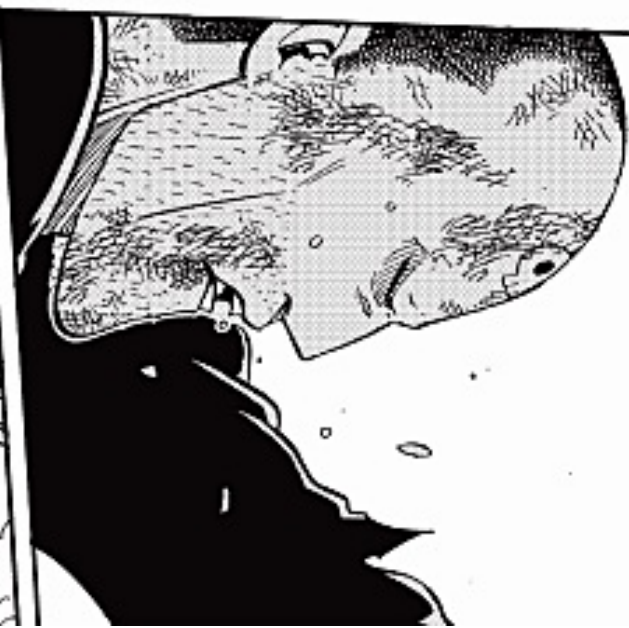
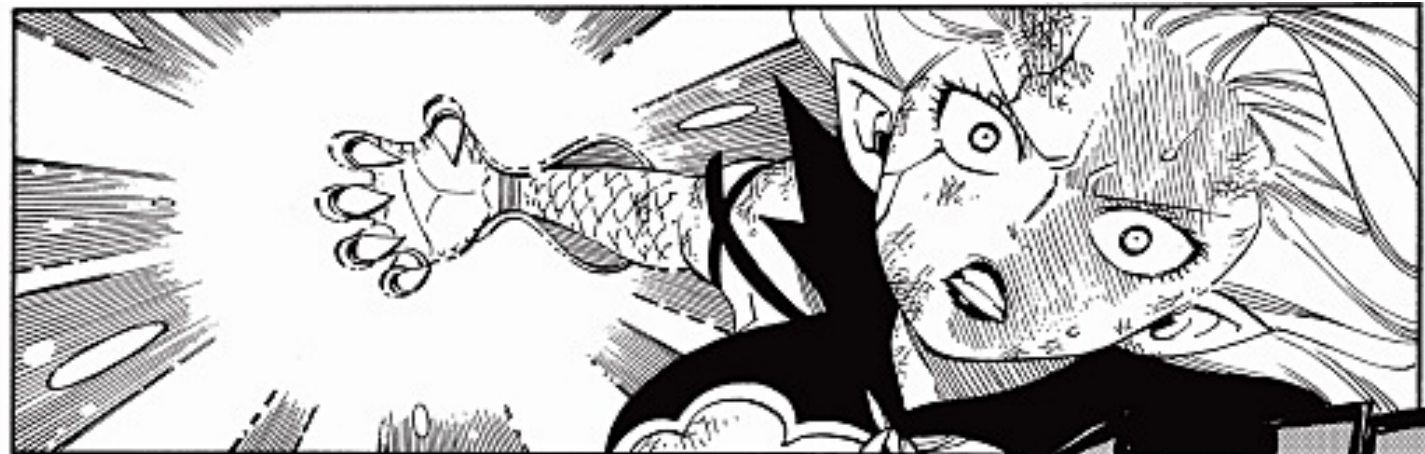
Back home.

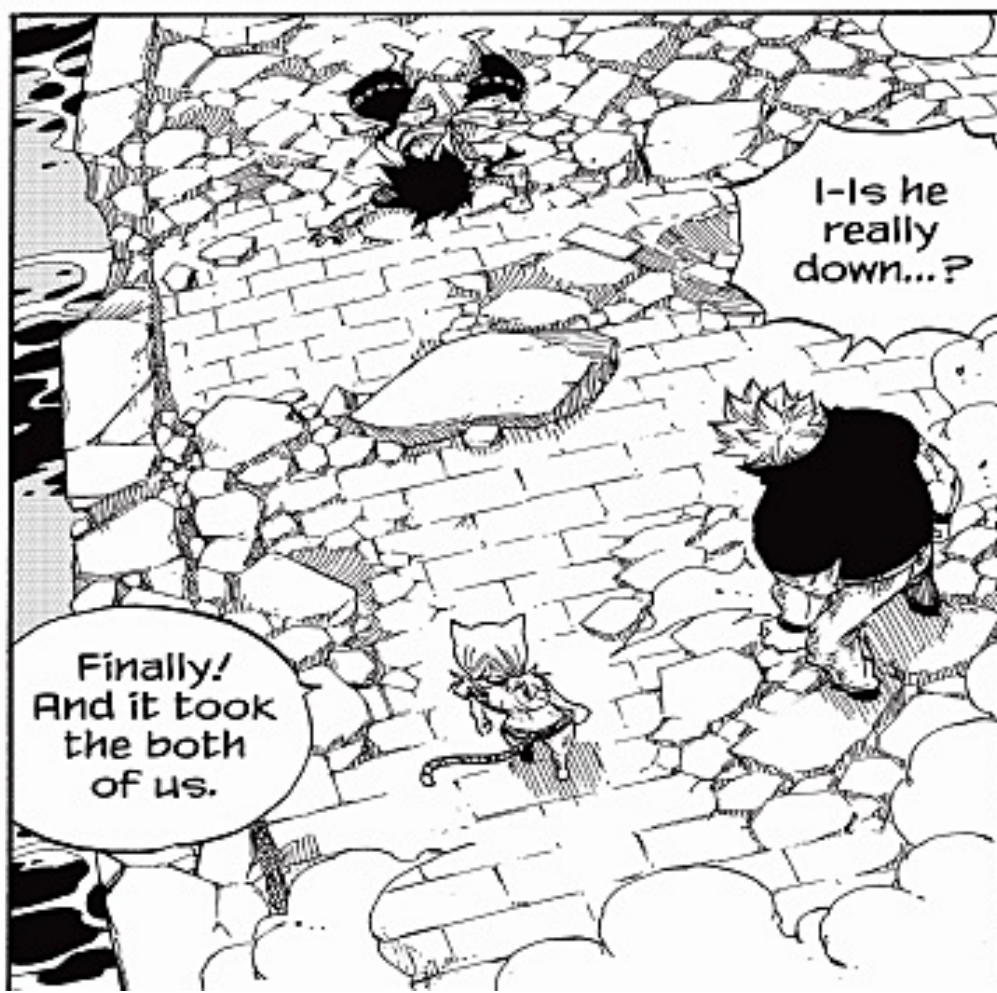
We're goin' back to the guild.

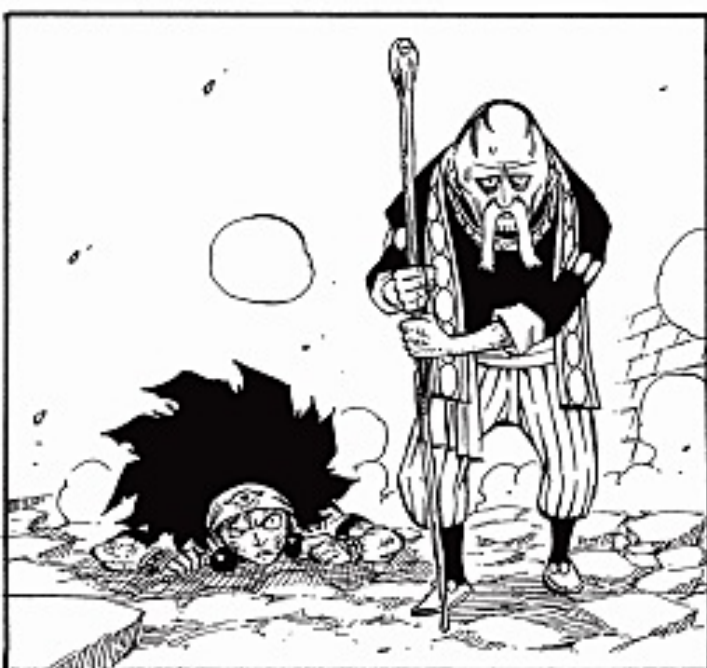
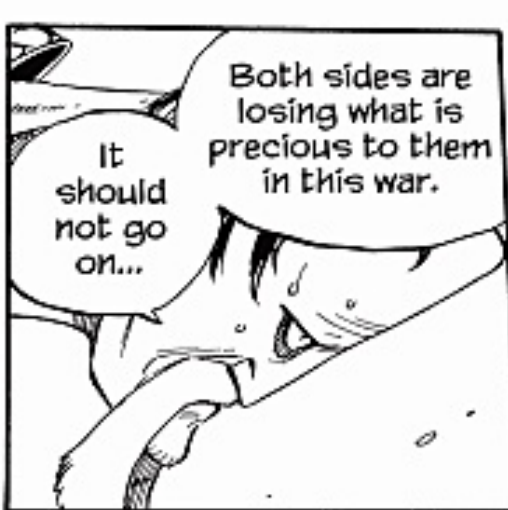
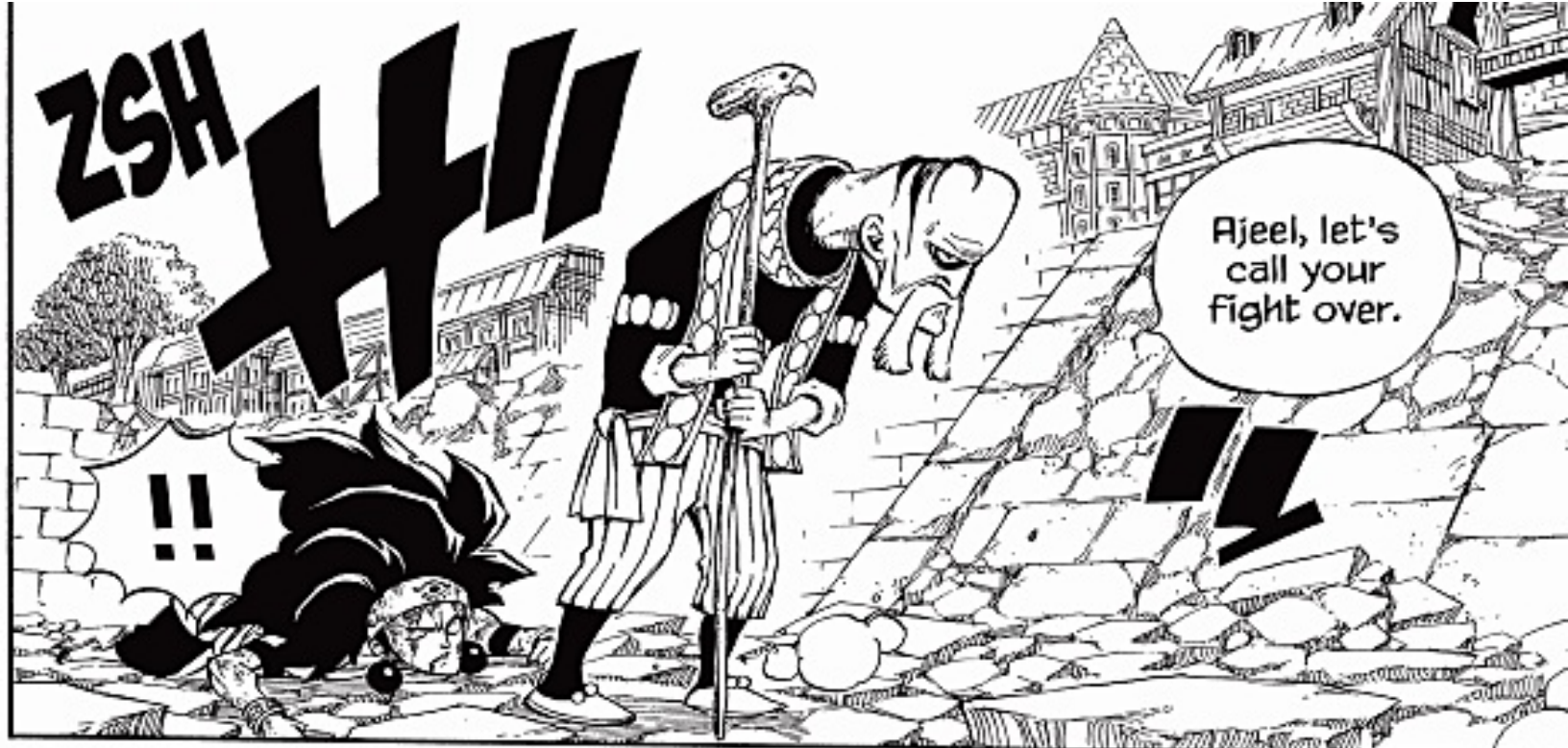


I'll get you there. Don't worry.

Gramps... Just a little farther.







Please...
You may take my
life if you wish, but
spare my grandson,
I beg of you...

...how much
loss there's
been in the
countries you've
defeated.

You've been
winning all this
time, so you've
never noticed...

My brother and
I don't murder
the people we
fight!

Cut that
out, would
ya?

Don't lower
yerself
like that,
Grandpa
!!!

Aw,
shaddap!
Ya look
nothin'
alike!

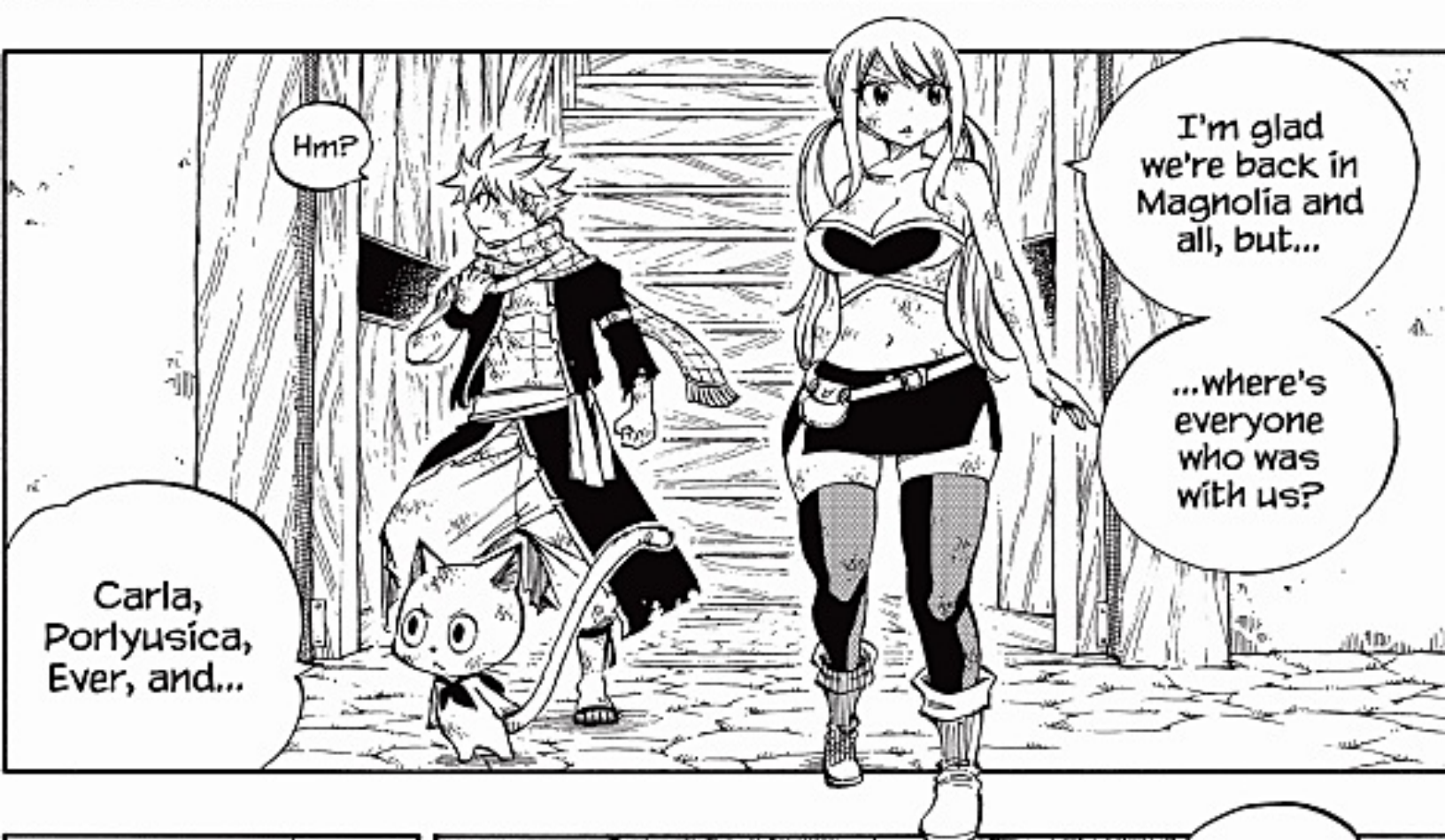
Well, you
two don't
either.

Everybody in the
guild is family, but
Lisanna's my sister
by blood.

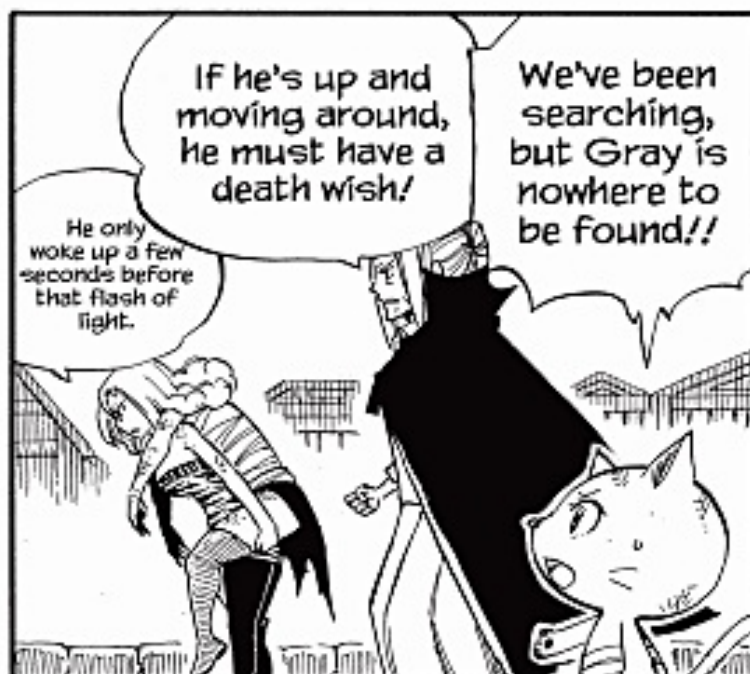
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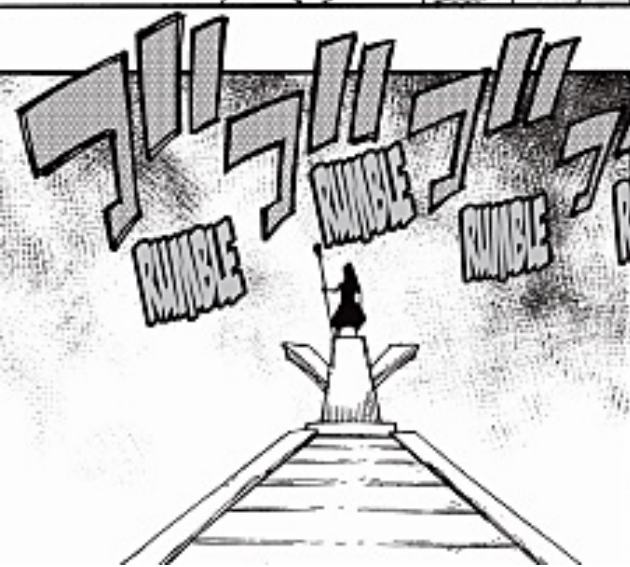
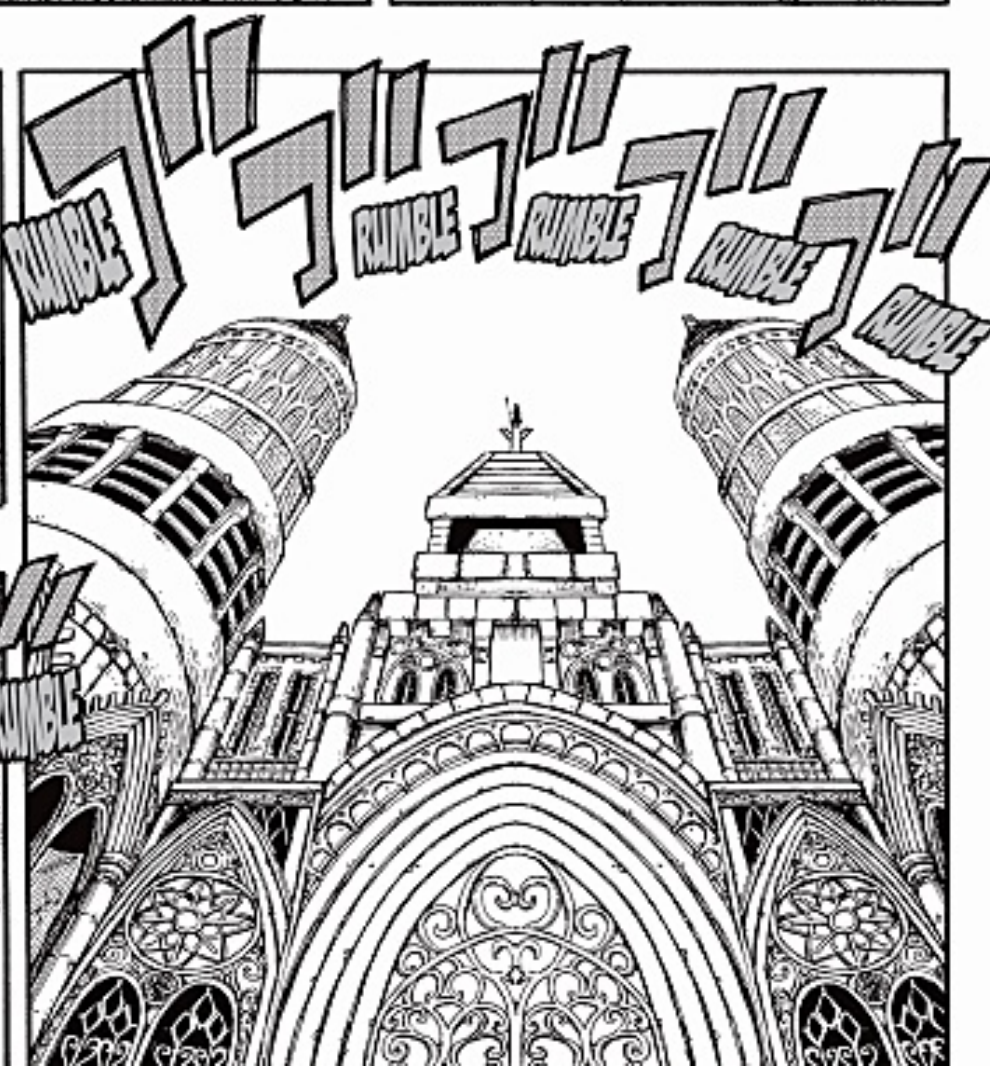
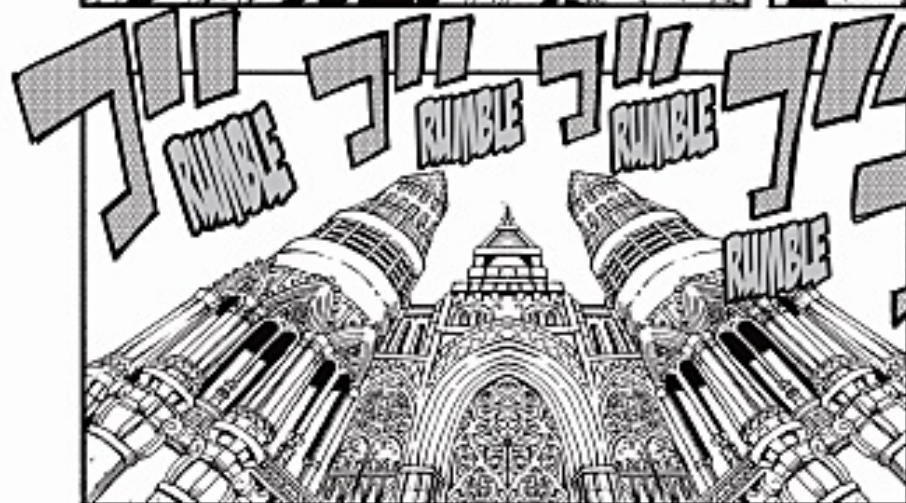
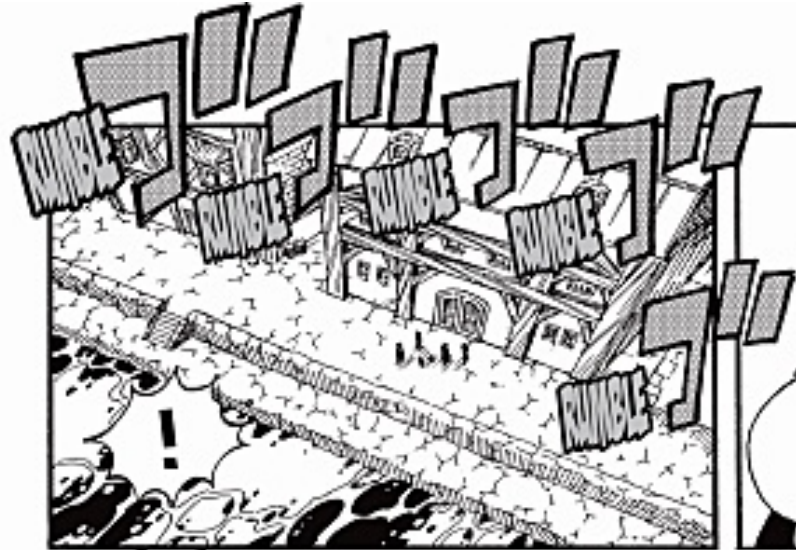
Brother?

You two
are family,
too?

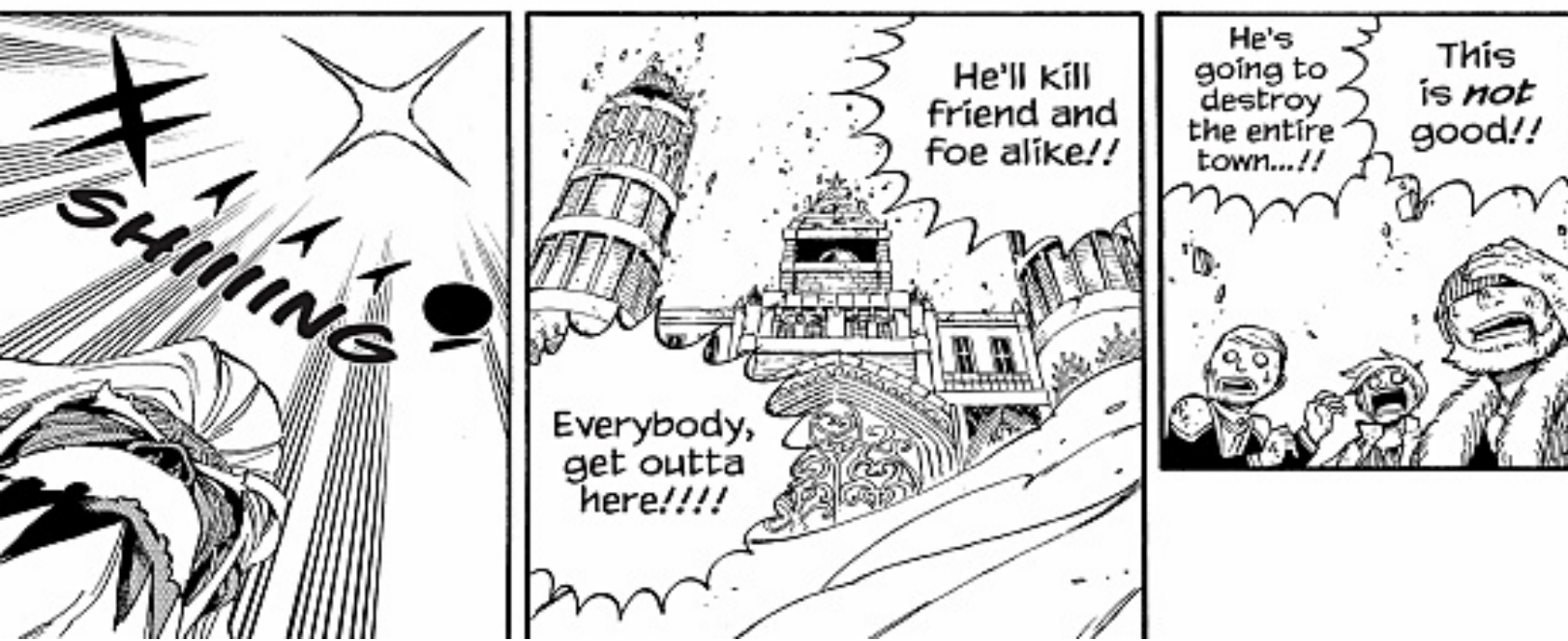


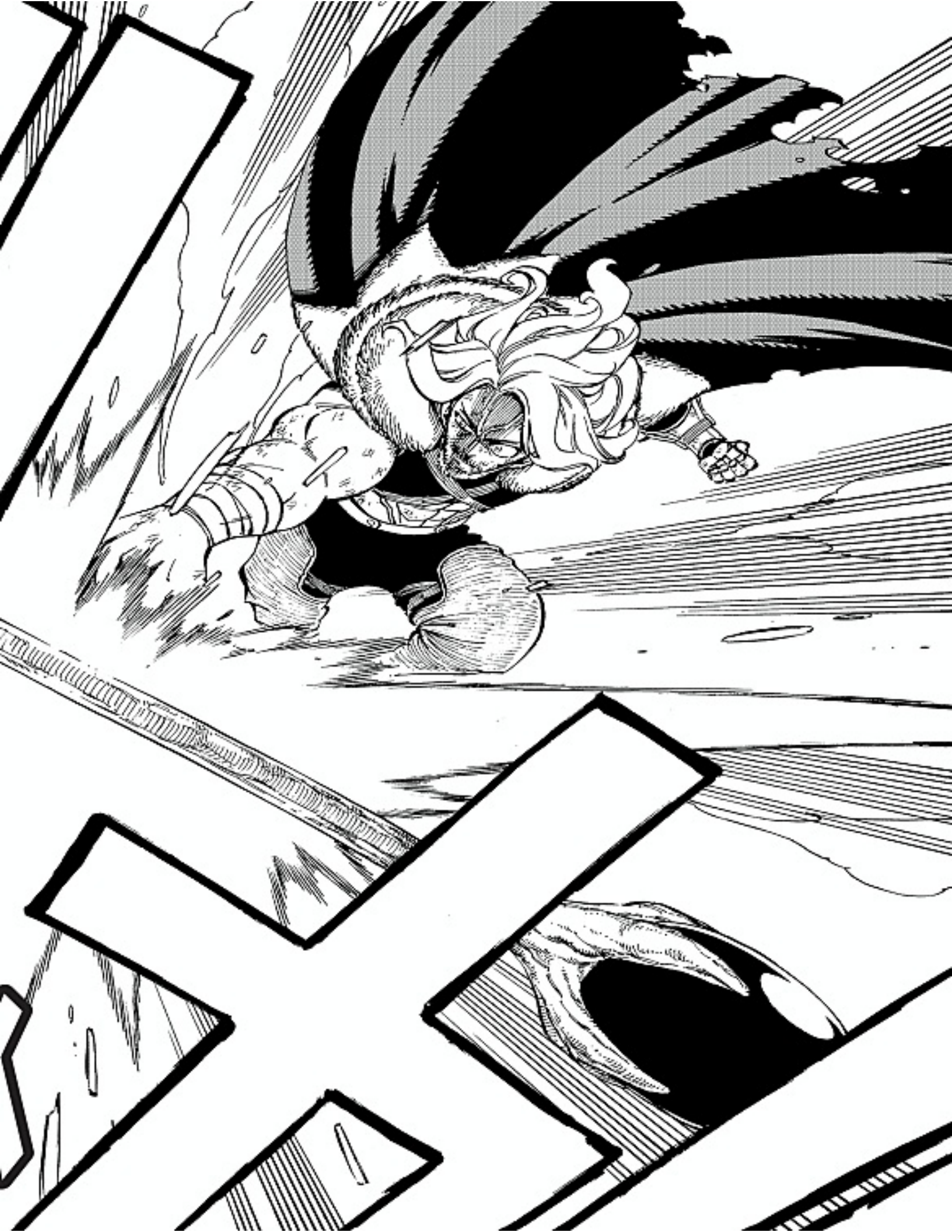






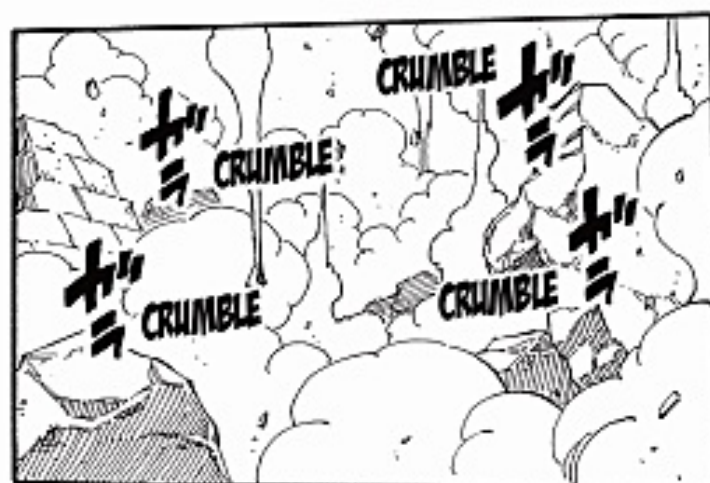


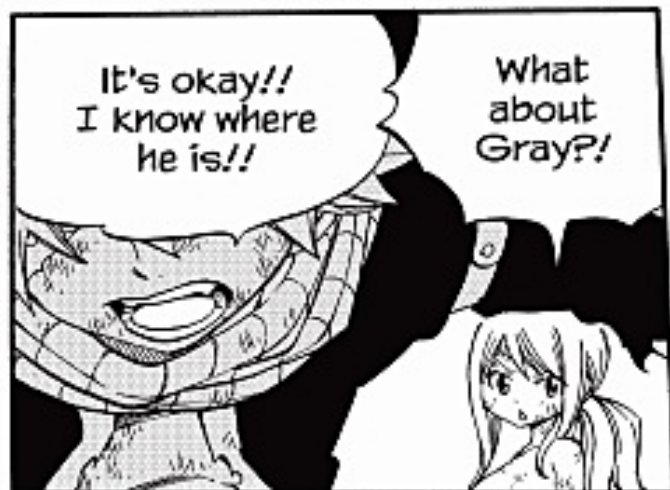
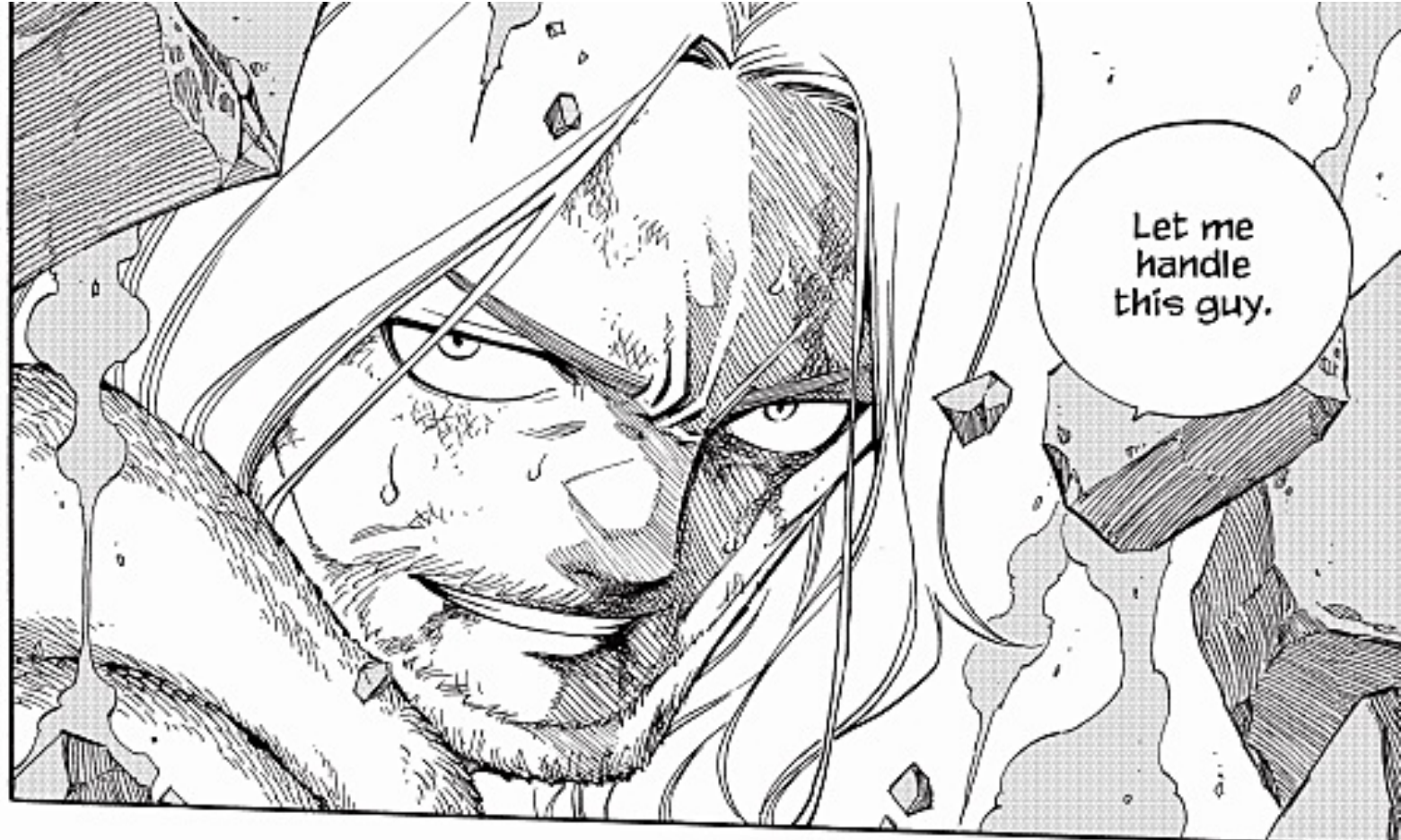
















Ain't it time
for you to
run along
home?

See...
you're sittin'
in my spot.

I think
Gray...

...is going
for Zeref,
too!!

You've just
put yourself
in a situation
that will cause
Natsu the
most grief.



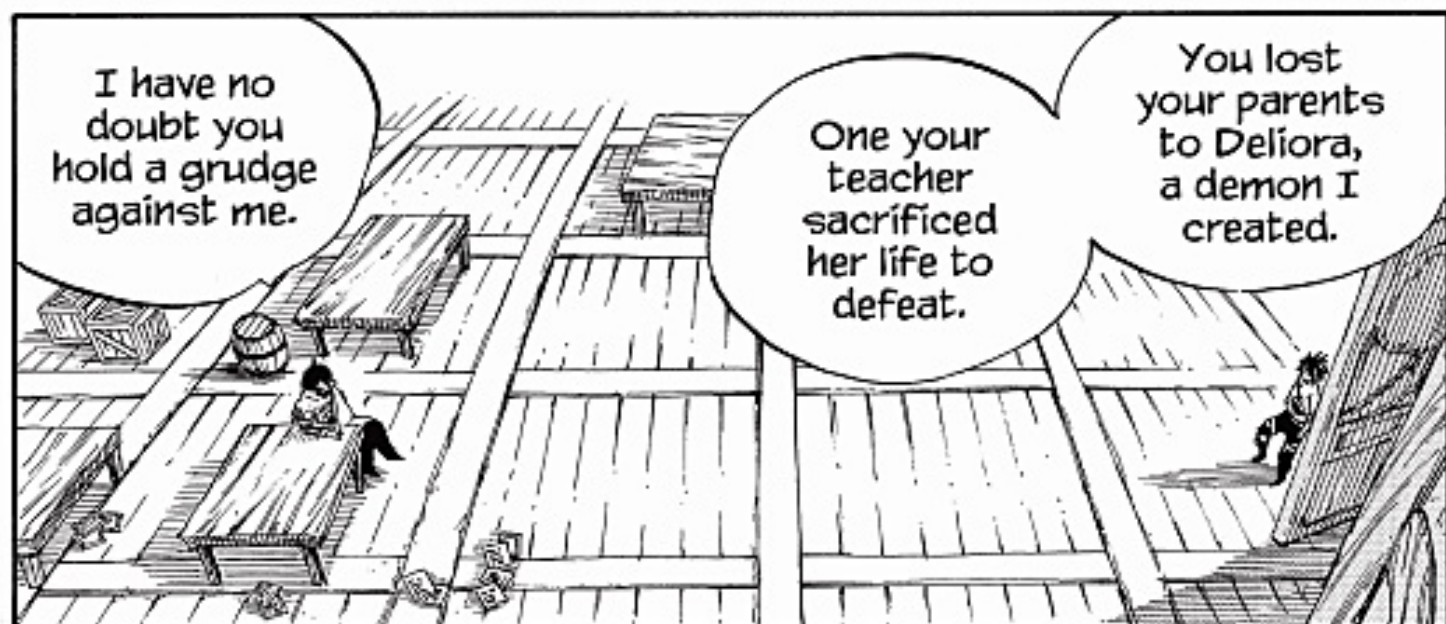


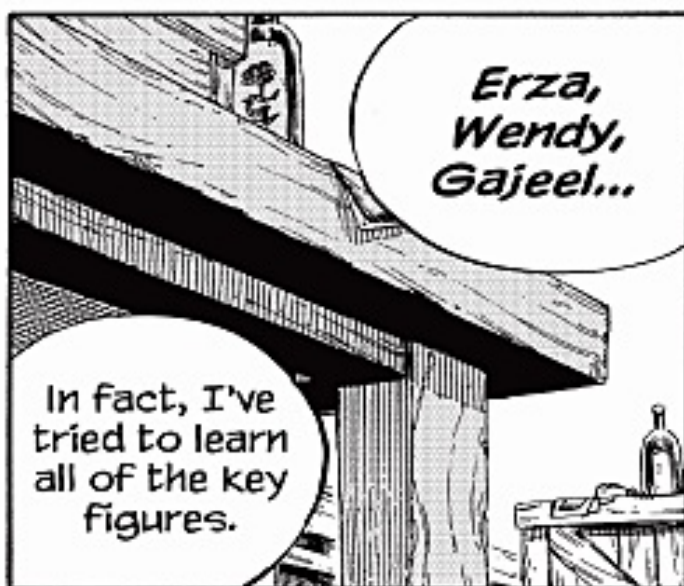
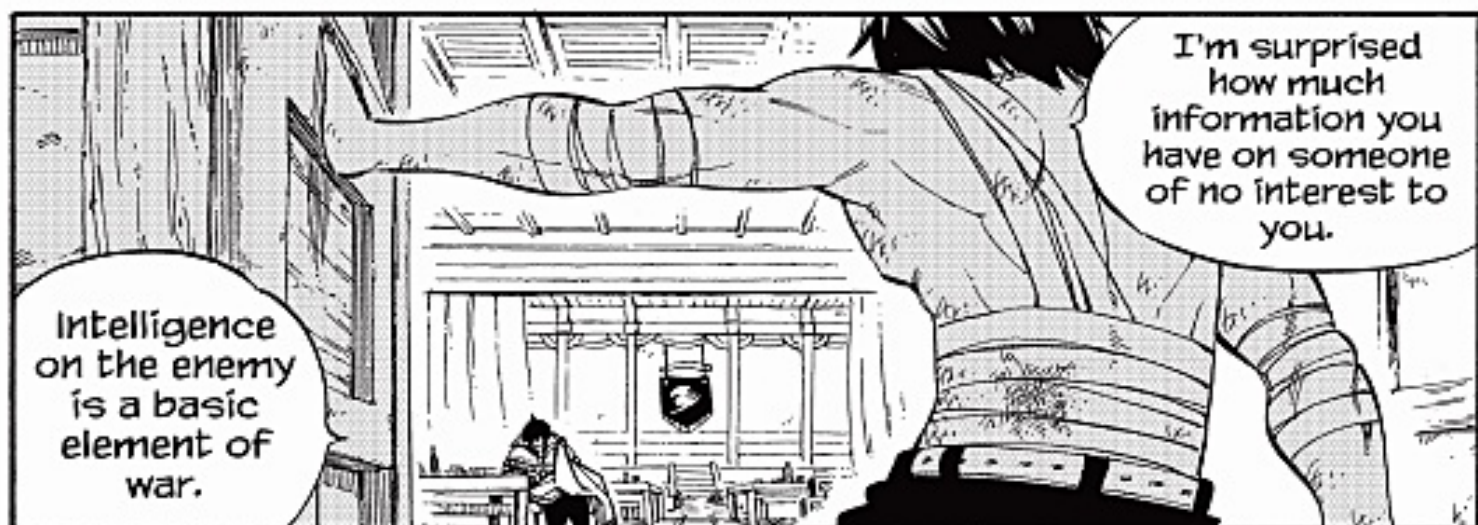
Chapter 522: Gray's Trump Card





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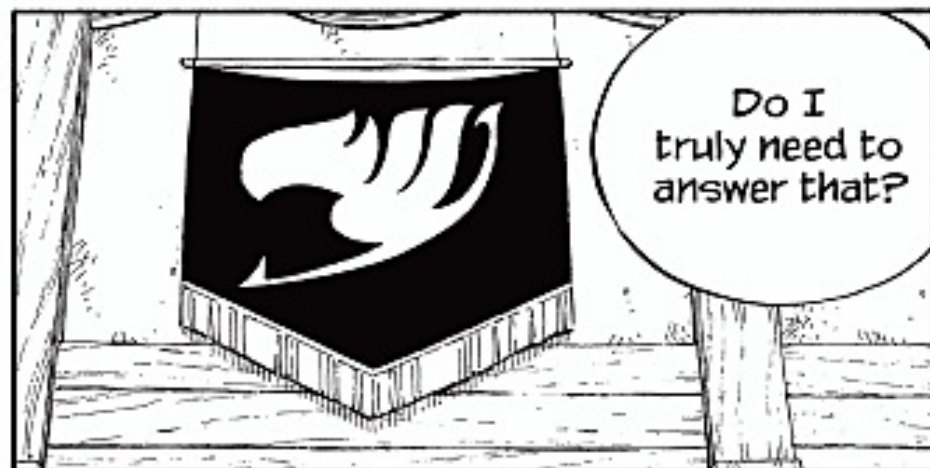
So what are you really after?



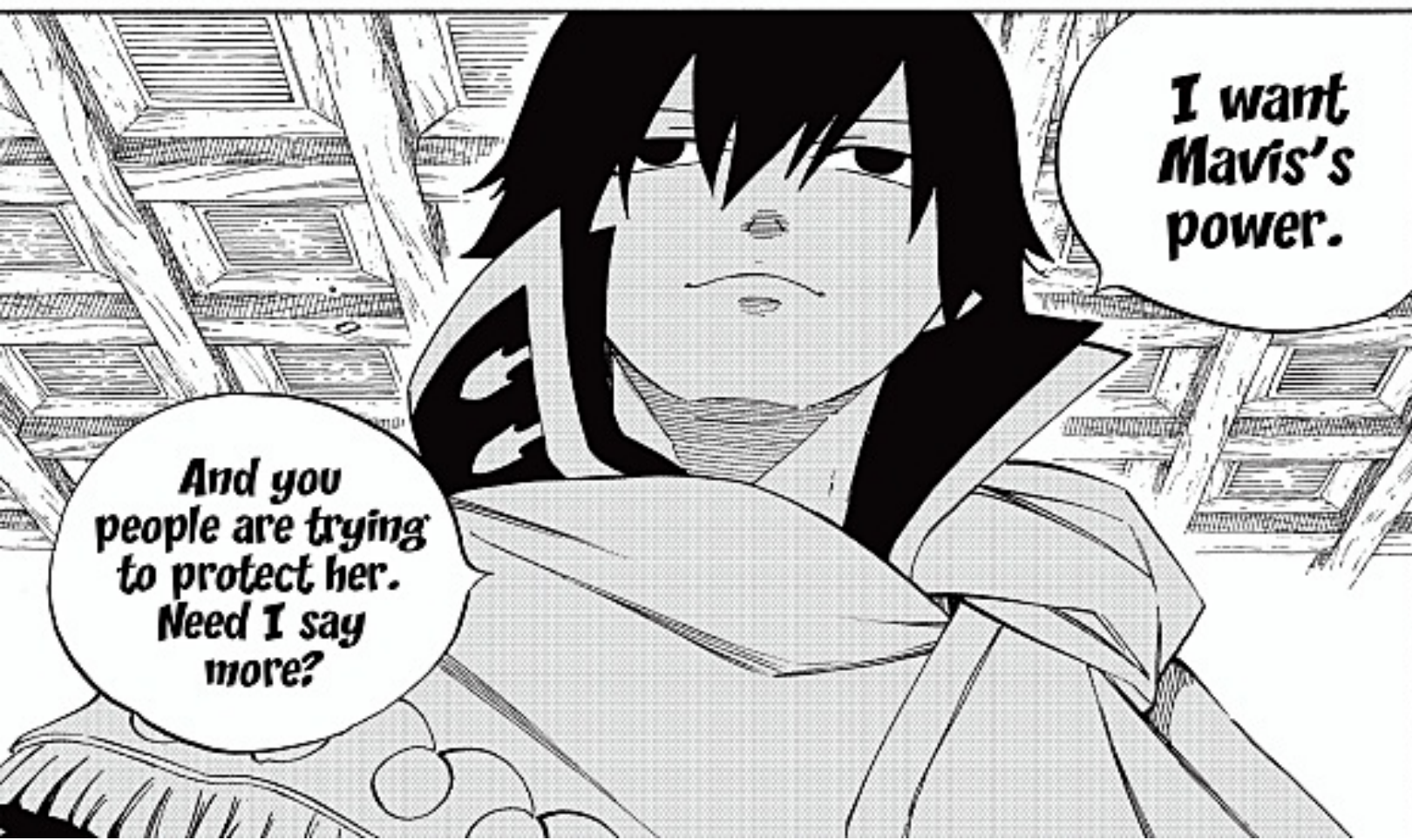
I imagine that's true.

Compared to that, we hardly know anything about you.

Wobble



Do I truly need to answer that?



I want Mavis's power.

And you people are trying to protect her. Need I say more?

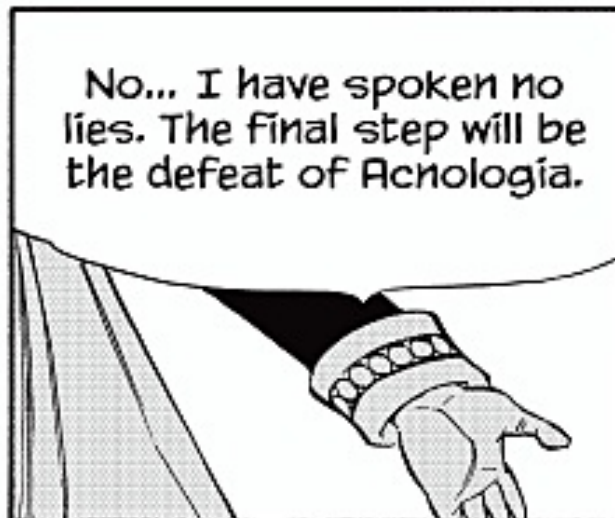


I need it
to defeat
Achnologia.



You have
all these soldiers,
and an immortal
body for yourself.
What do you need
the first master's
power for?

No... I have spoken no
lies. The final step will be
the defeat of Achnologia.



Don't
give me
crap...



...If I said
that, would
you help
me?

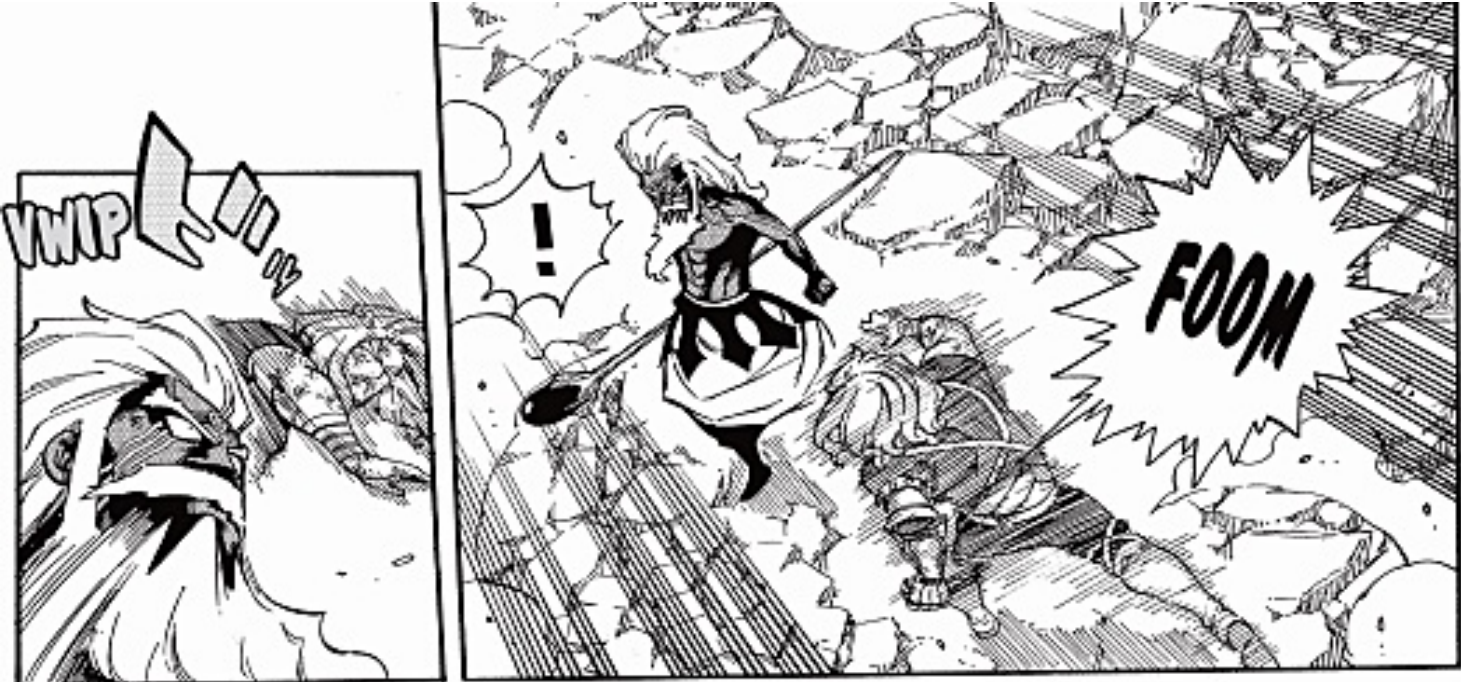


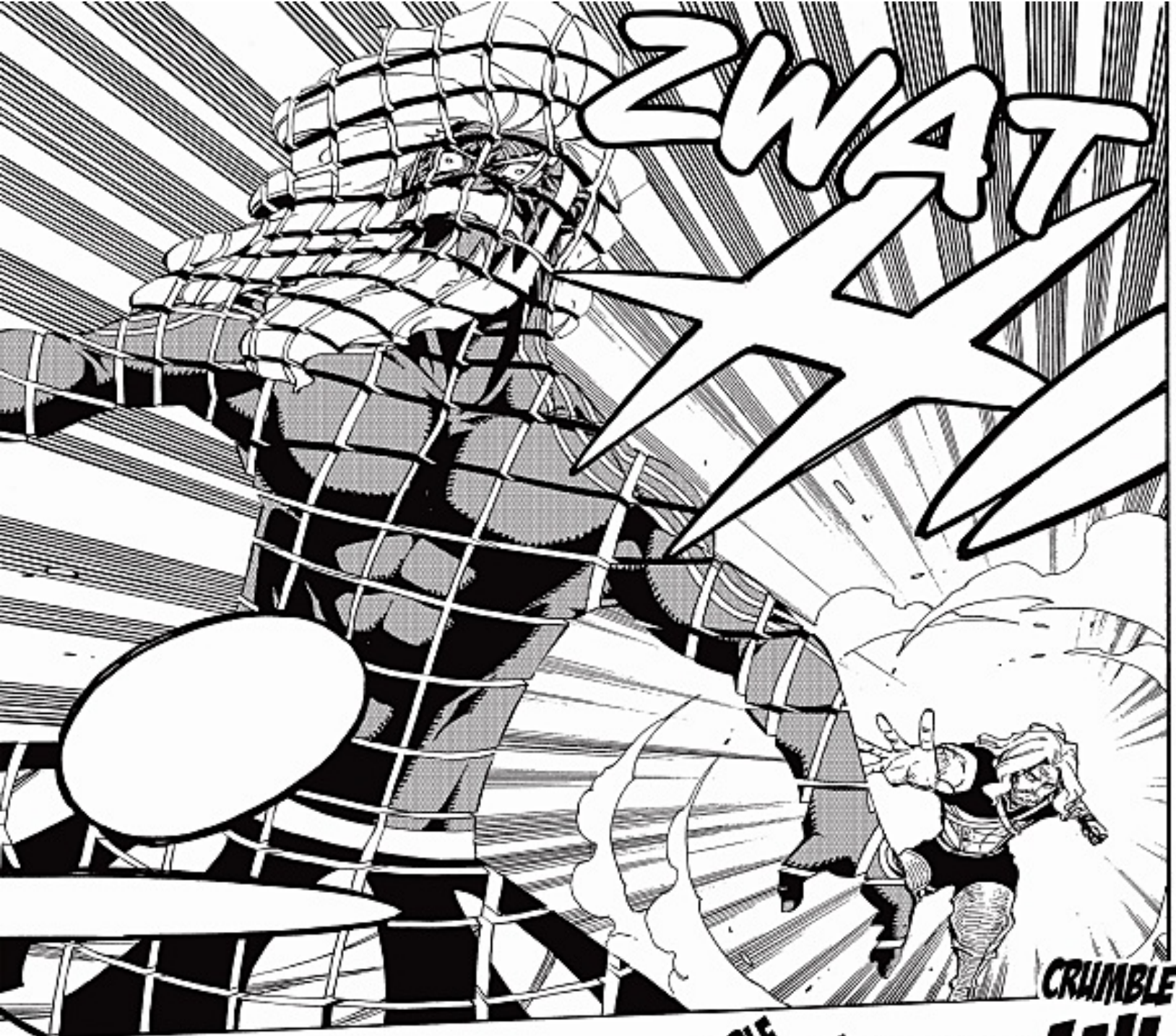
...are not
nearly so
small.

But, you
see...

...my
ambitions...

















Mavis's
magical
power...

Fairy Heart
is indeed
just that
powerful.



...



Don't you
wonder why
I'm telling
you this?

You're
serious
about
this?

Naw... It
just ain't
possible...



And you will
die before
he reaches
us.



Natsu
is on his
way here
now.



I am sure
he will be
saddened
by it, and
angered.

So, when he
arrives, he will
see his close
friend lying
there, dead.



You will
become a tool
for me to bring
out Natsu's
greatest power.

That will
be my final
chance to
fight Natsu
at his very
best.

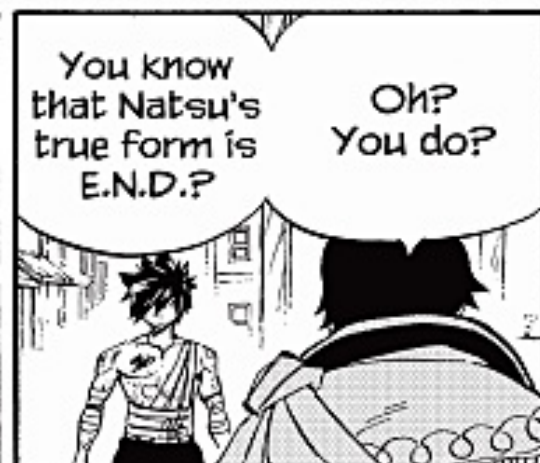


No one
can kill
me.

I'm afraid
that isn't
possible.
I am
immortal.



Not gonna
happen. When
Natsu gets
here, *you'll* be
long gone!





And I realized that the people who are still living are more important.



But then I found out that Natsu was E.N.D.



I don't care what he "really" is...

...he's still *my* friend.

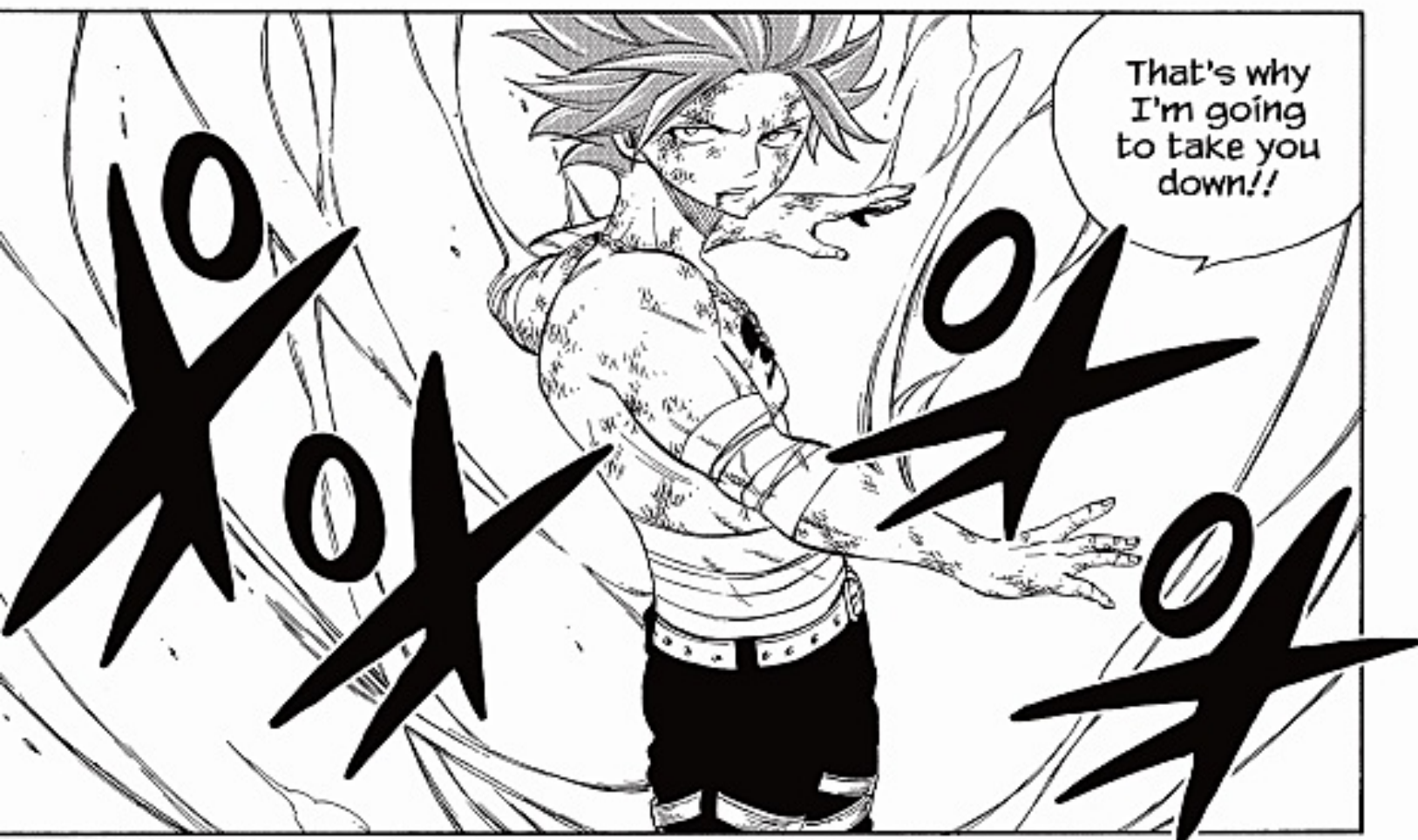


You don't think I'd let that happen, do you?



If *you* die, he will. If *I* die, he will.

That friend of yours is going to die.



That's why I'm going to take you down!!



There's a way to defeat you without killing you.



If I die, then Natsu will...

You *still* don't understand?



**ICED
SHELL!!!!**



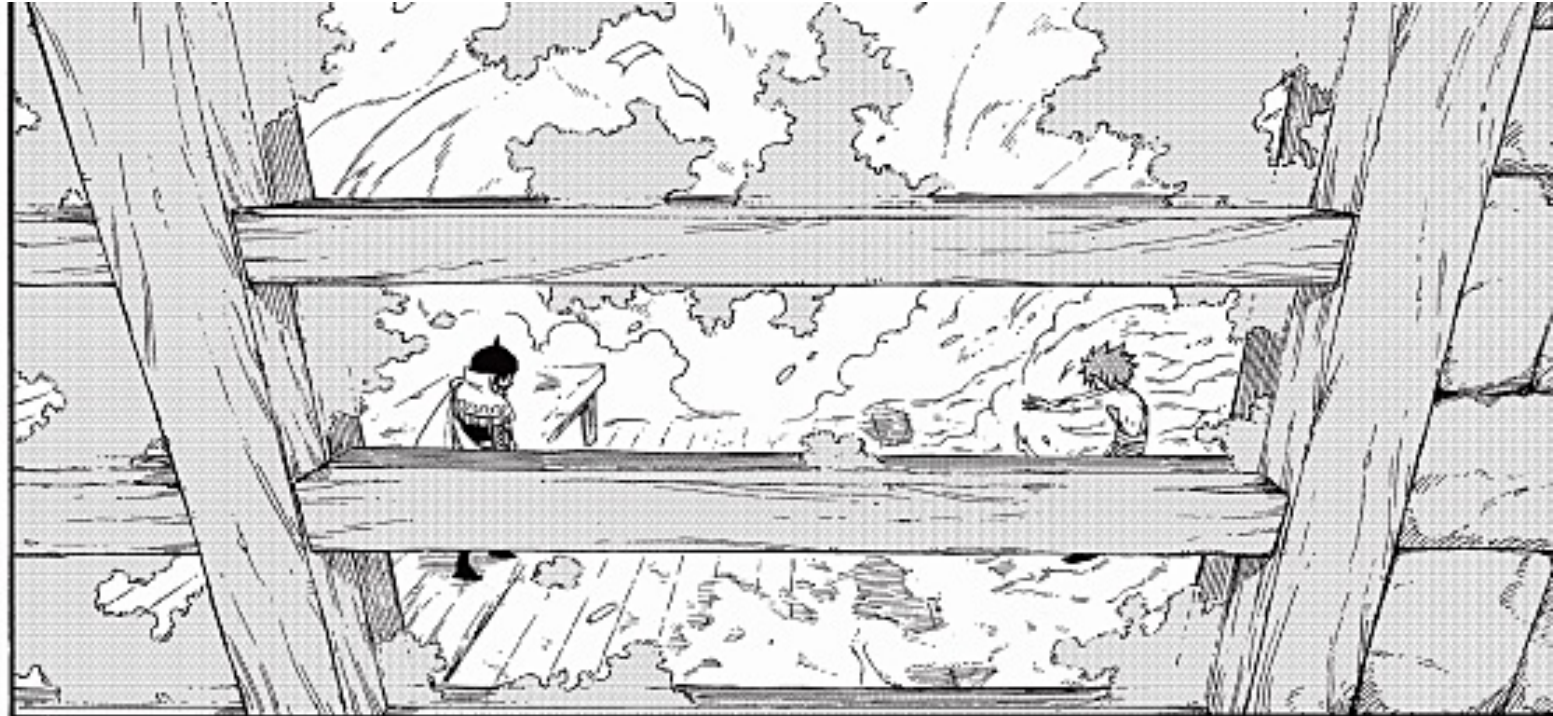


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Chapter 523: Is Destiny Going Up in Flames?

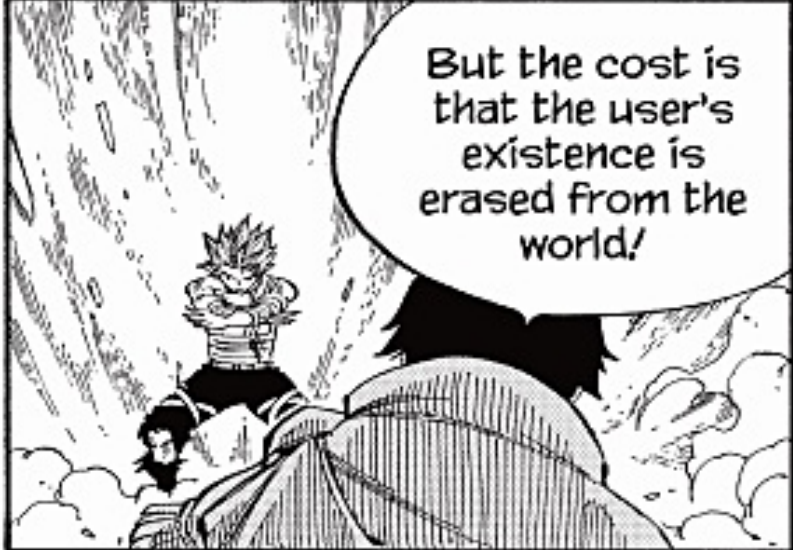






Nobody
will even
remember
me, right?

Yeah,
I know
that.



But the cost is
that the user's
existence is
erased from the
world!



WHOOSH

I've seen
enough
tears!!!

It means
nobody is
going to
be sad over
this!!!



My
body...

It won't
move...



FWO Kh!



...but this magic
only imprisons
your opponent!!

You're paying
with the erasure
of your life...
your very
existence...



If
I kill you,
Natsu
dies!



It won't
kill me!!!



So I'm
gonna
lock you
up! For all
eternity!



Nothing
is eternal!

This ice
will melt
someday!



But until
that time,
there will be
some peace,
right?





Ur...



Gray,
what a
fool you
are.



Sorry...
I already
made my
decision.

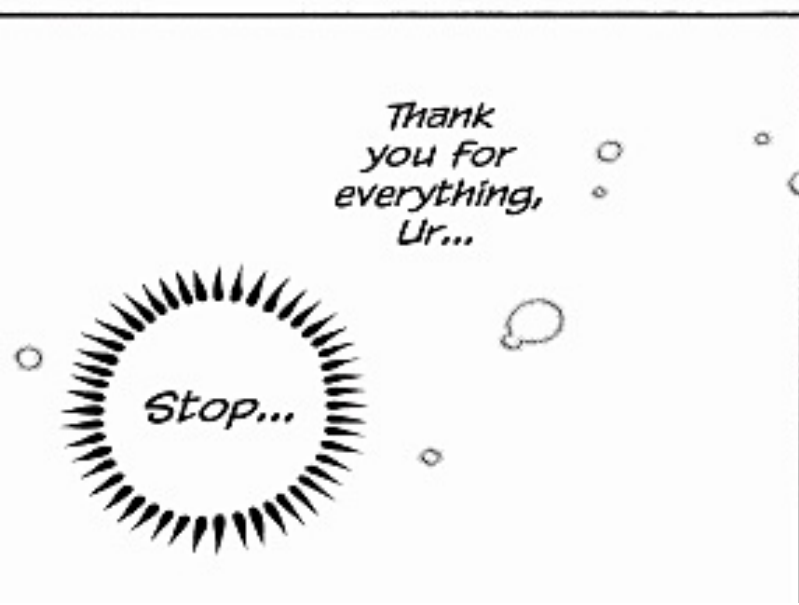
You
can't
give up
on life!



This
is the
only
way.



Stop
this.
Now.



Thank
you for
everything,
Ur...

Stop...



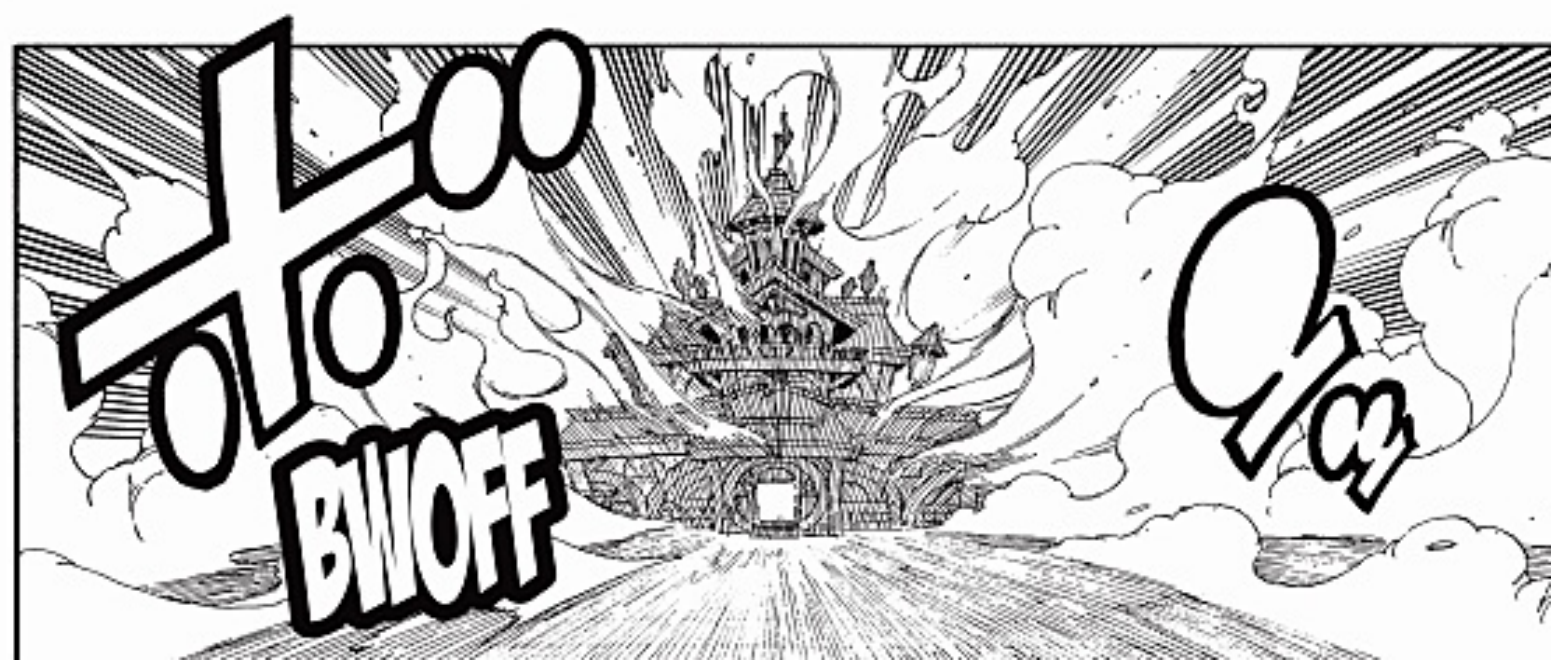
Stop
it.

***Stop
it!***

!!







Did you forget?!

So, here you are.

Natsu...

But I...

But I...

I stopped you from using this magic before, right?!

I let myself get carried away by a surge of emotion...

...and tried to kill you! My friend!!!

I did the exact same thing!!

I can't stay in this guild now!

Hey, Gray...?

That's why I...







**Destiny
?!**

GIIOOOOCH



Yep, it'll
be okay.
I know it!

It's
Natsu,
after
all!



**I'll
take your
destiny
and burn it
down!**

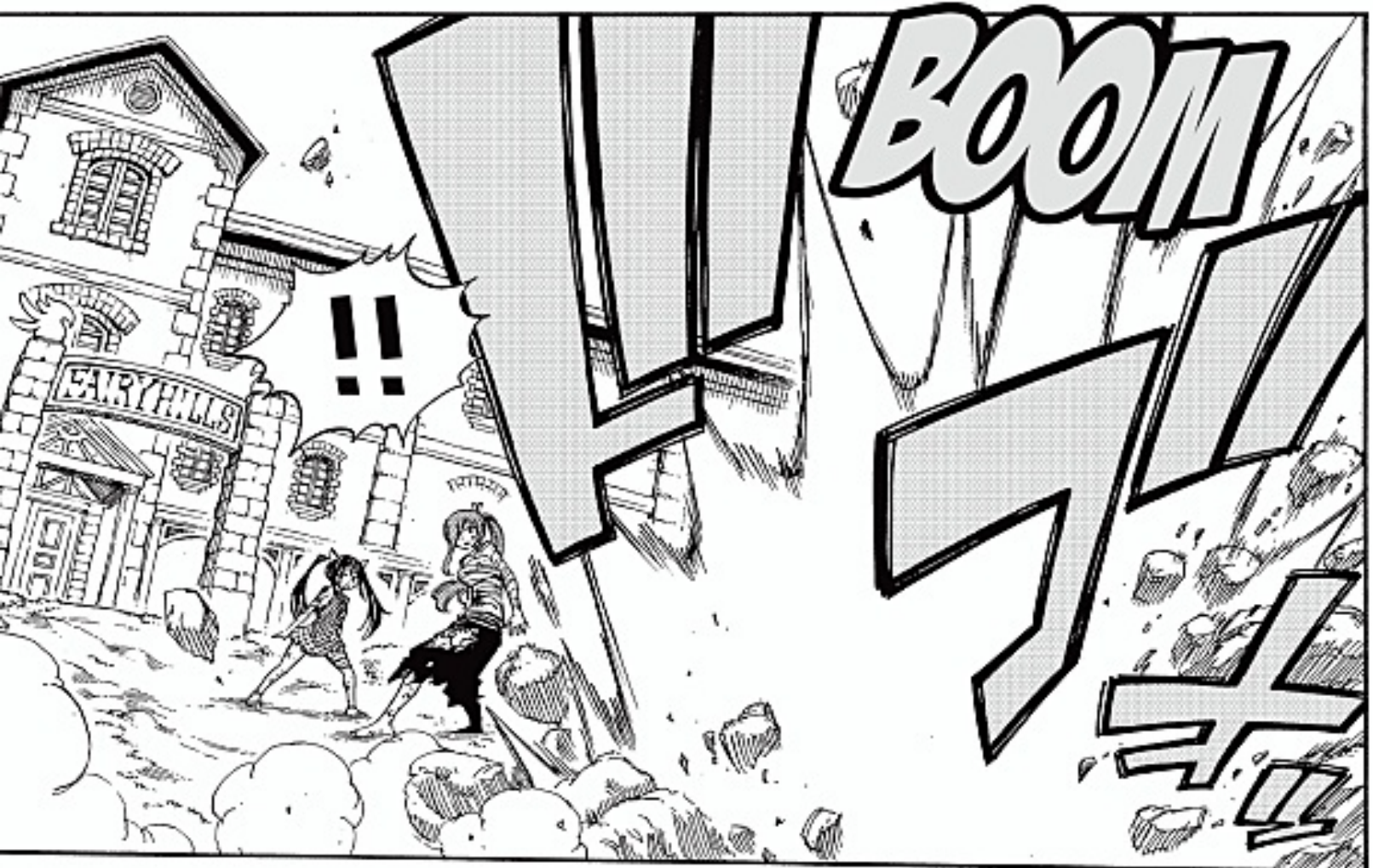


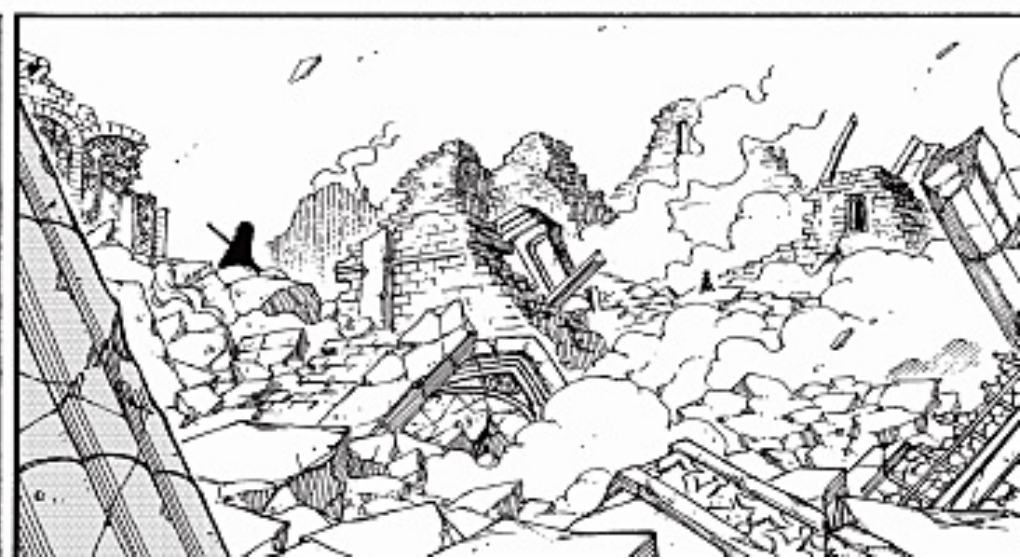






Wh-What is
this magic
power...?!





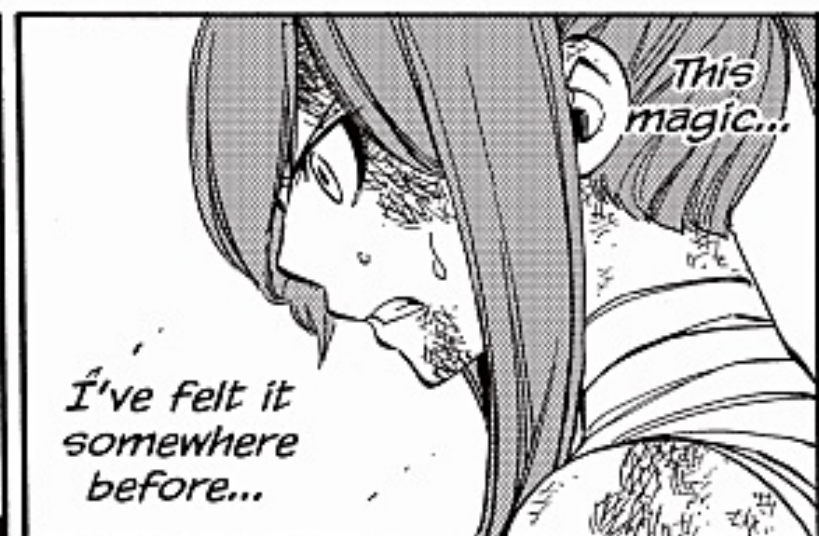
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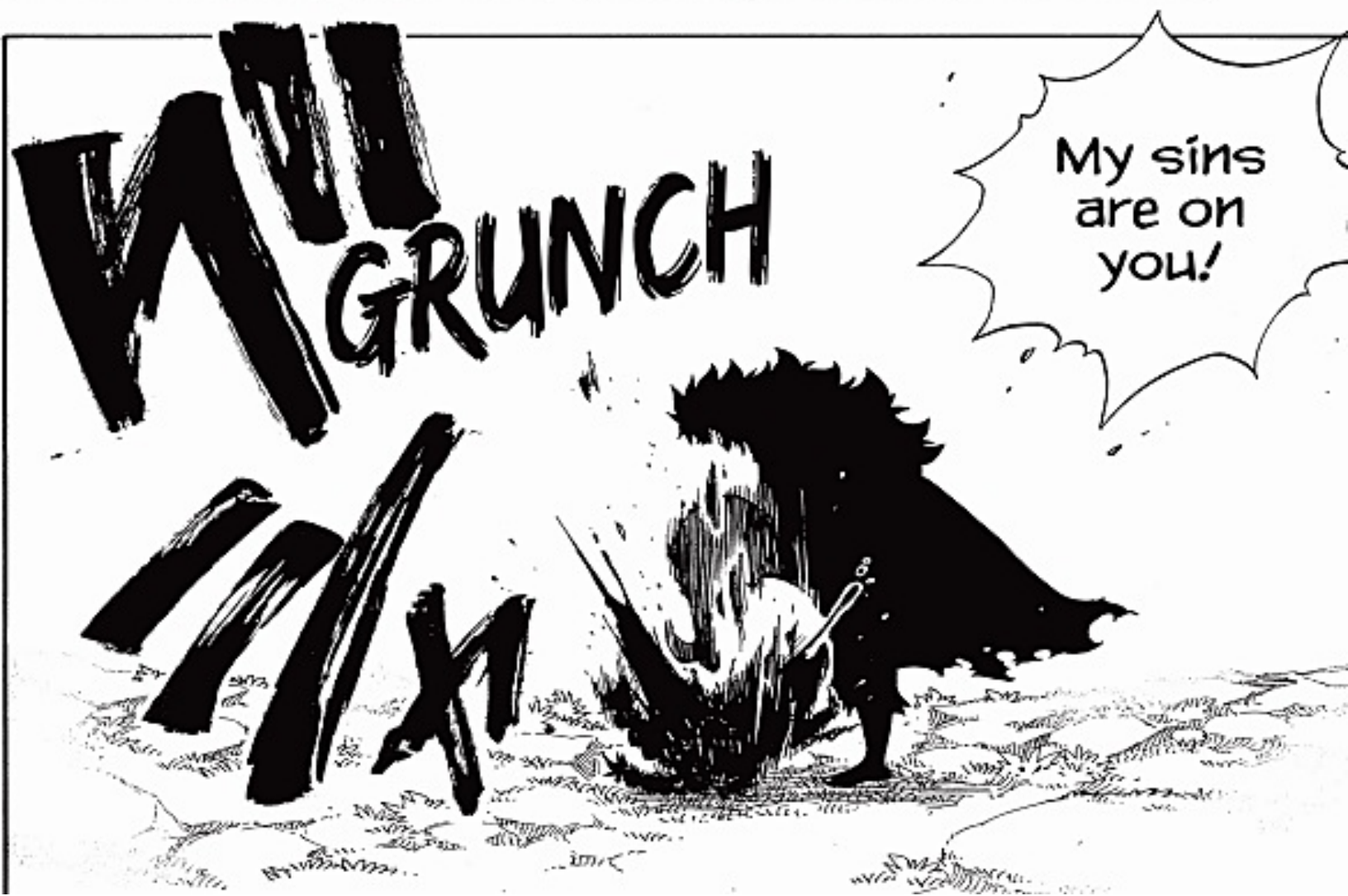
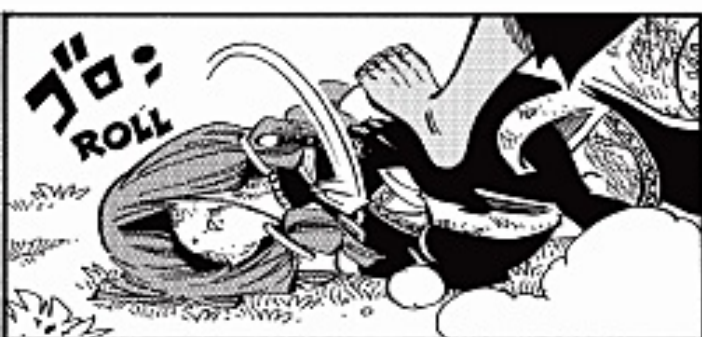
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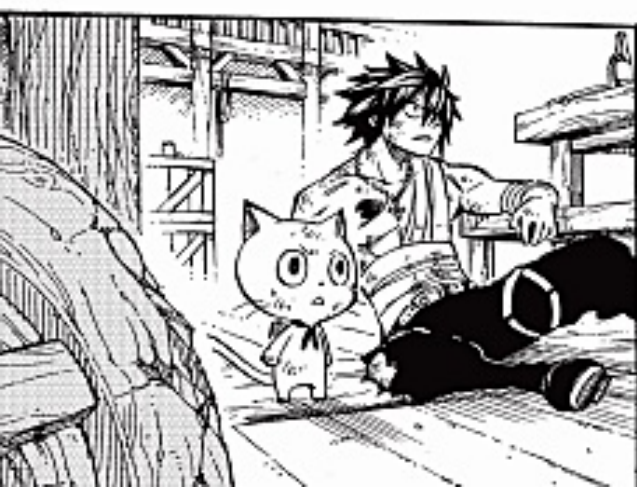
Chapter 524: The Black Future



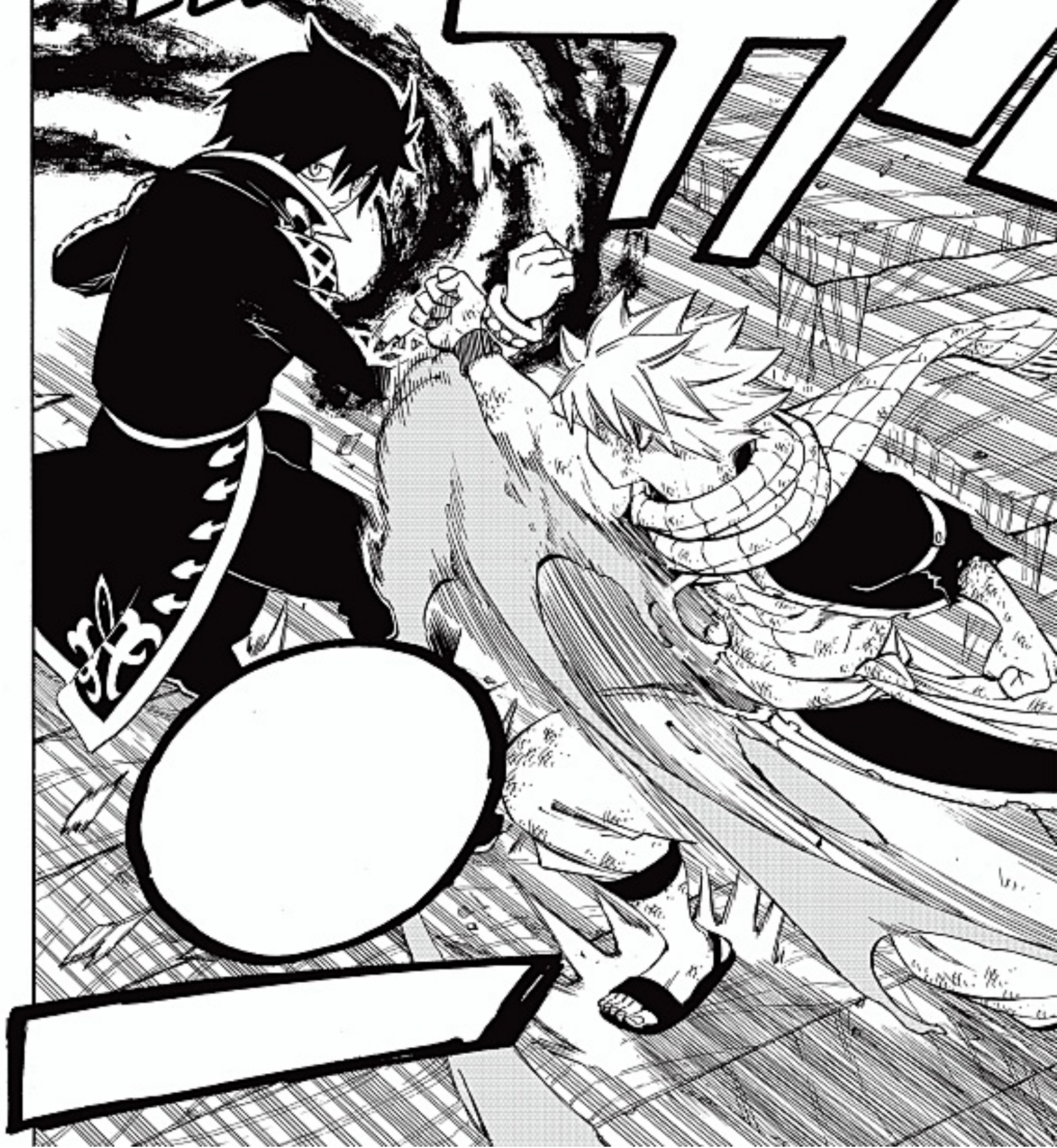


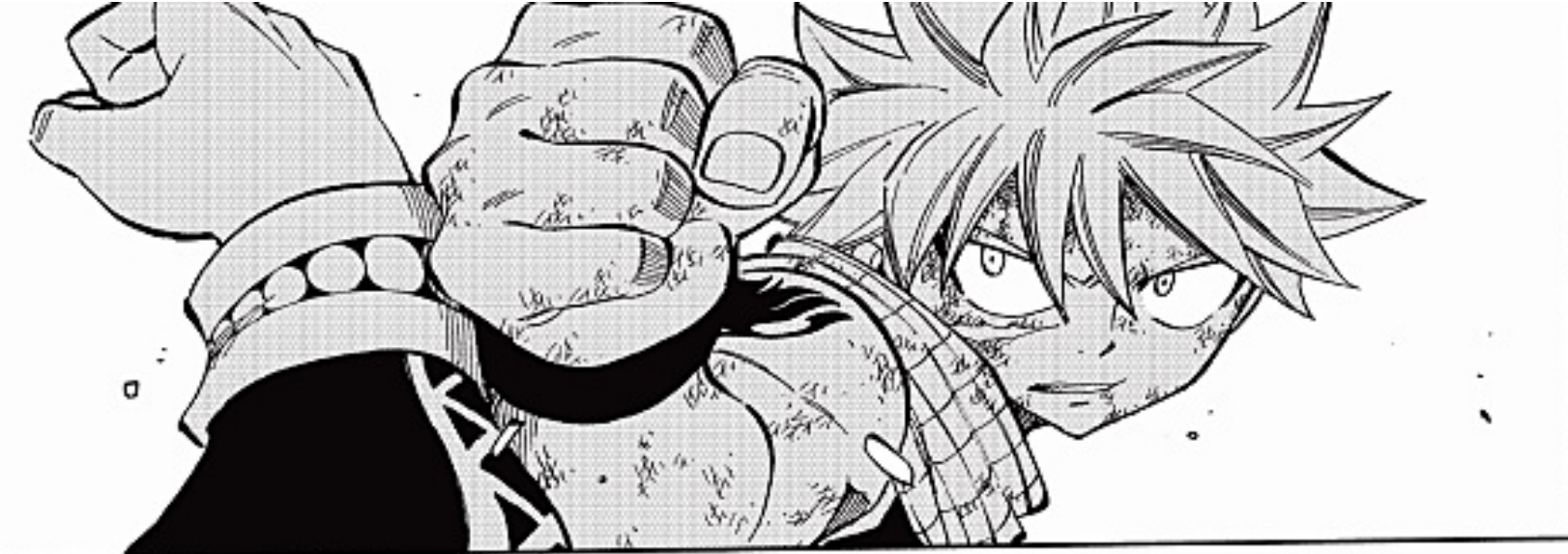


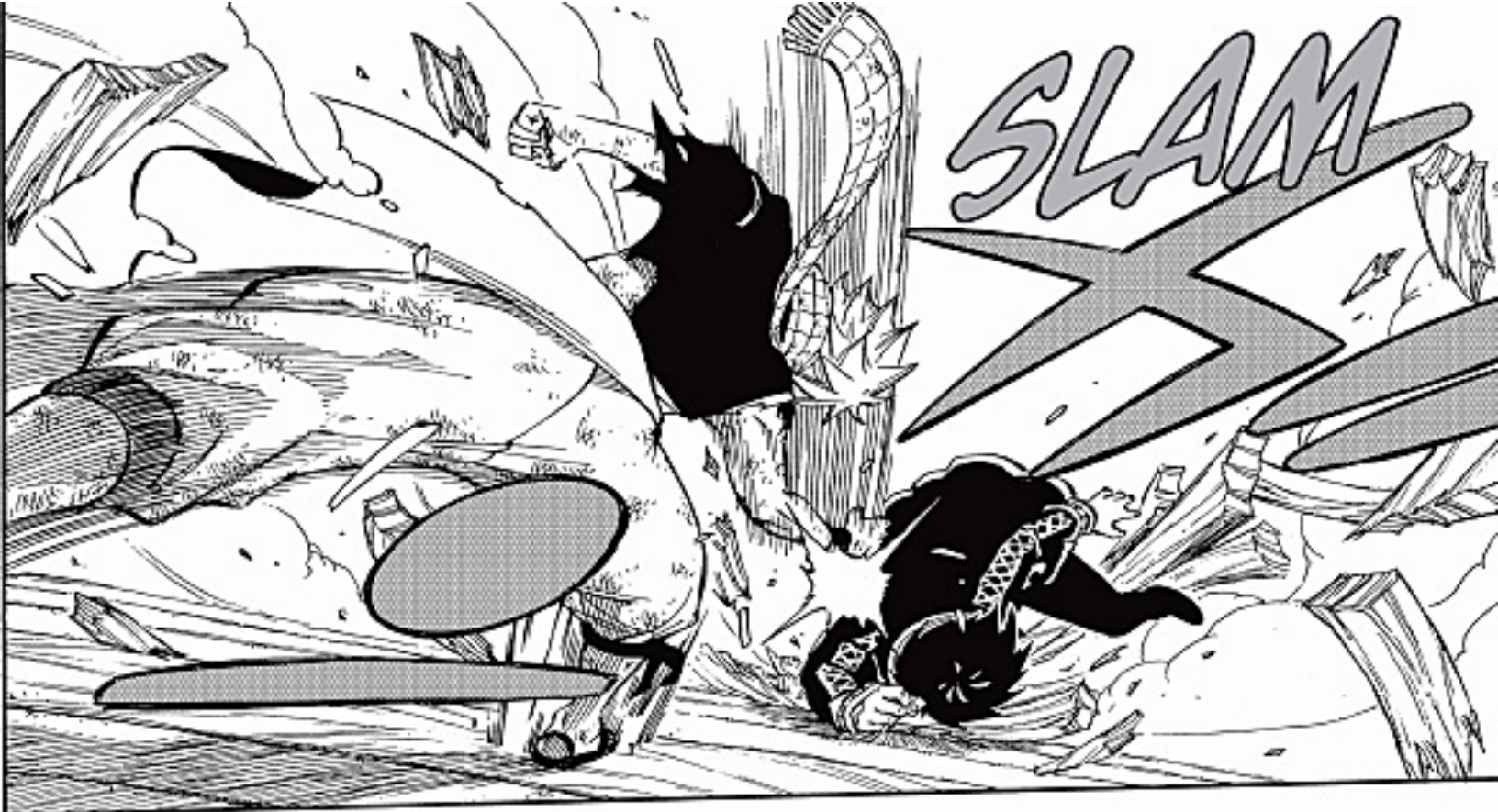


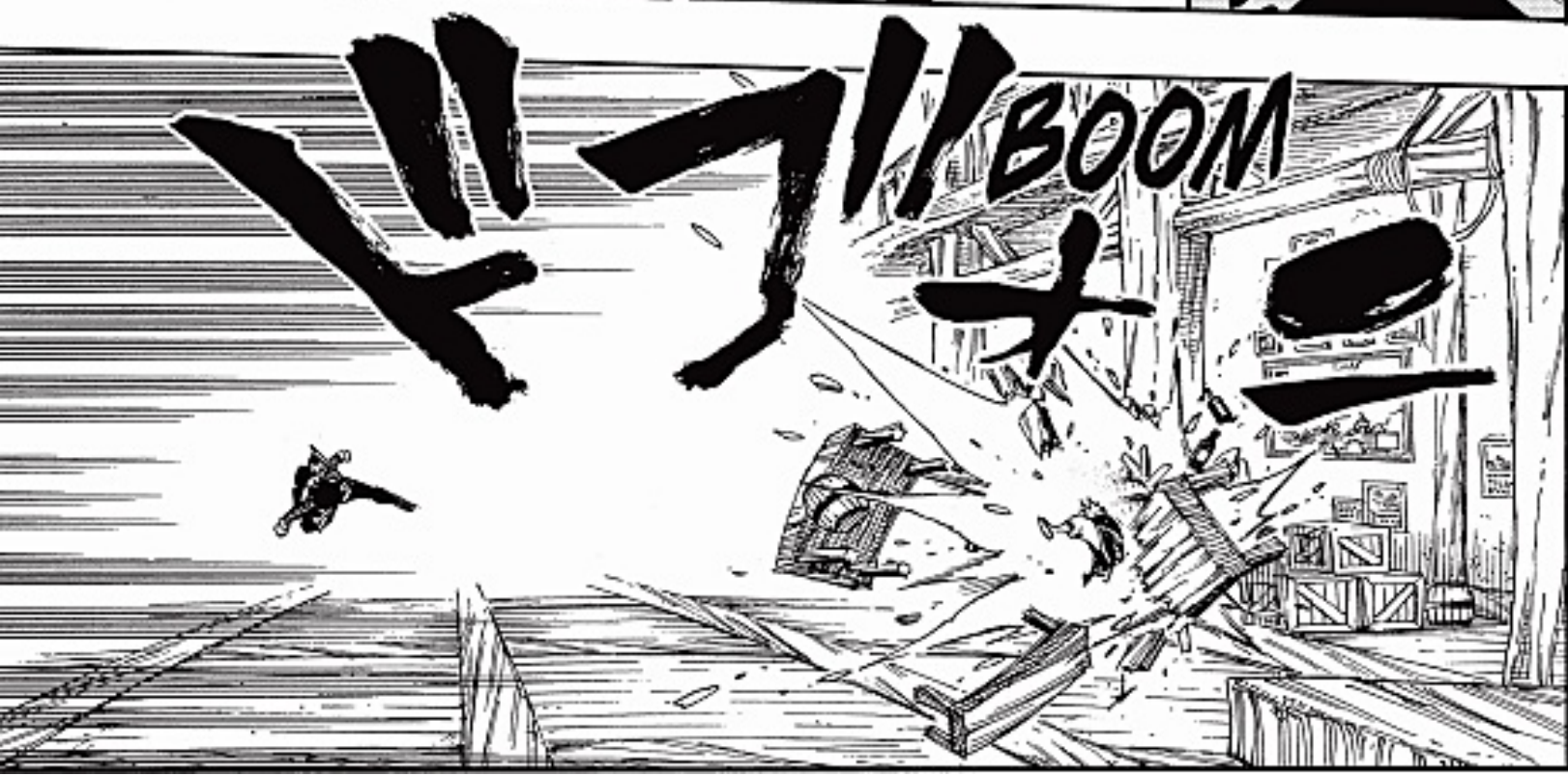


THWAK









Just
as I
thought.

That
hurt...

Natsu!

If I hadn't
stopped
him back
then...

You can
no longer
defeat
me.

The
power of
Igneel has
vanished.

I
still got
my own
power!

GWOOGH



Wha—?!



SHIVER



That magic power...



!!



!!



Natsu, I cannot afford to play with you any longer.



Irene bought me quite a lot of time, but...

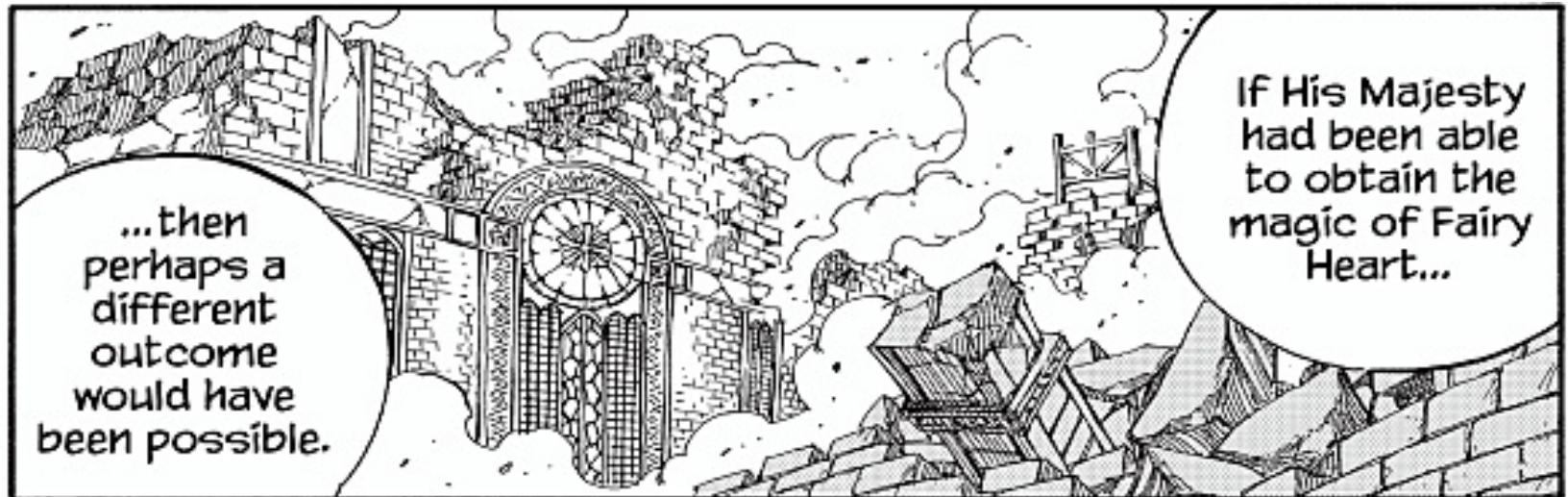
...it seems that time is up.



Lay down your life.
For the sake of all humanity.

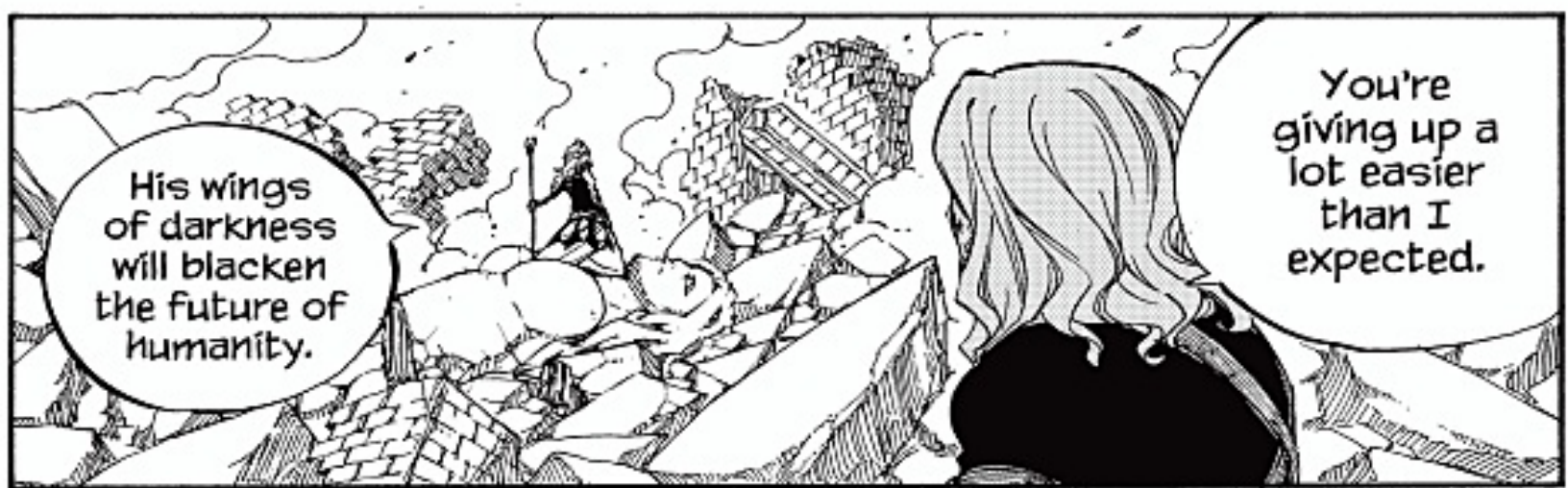
For me, this is my final chance.





...then perhaps a different outcome would have been possible.

If His Majesty had been able to obtain the magic of Fairy Heart...



His wings of darkness will blacken the future of humanity.

You're giving up a lot easier than I expected.

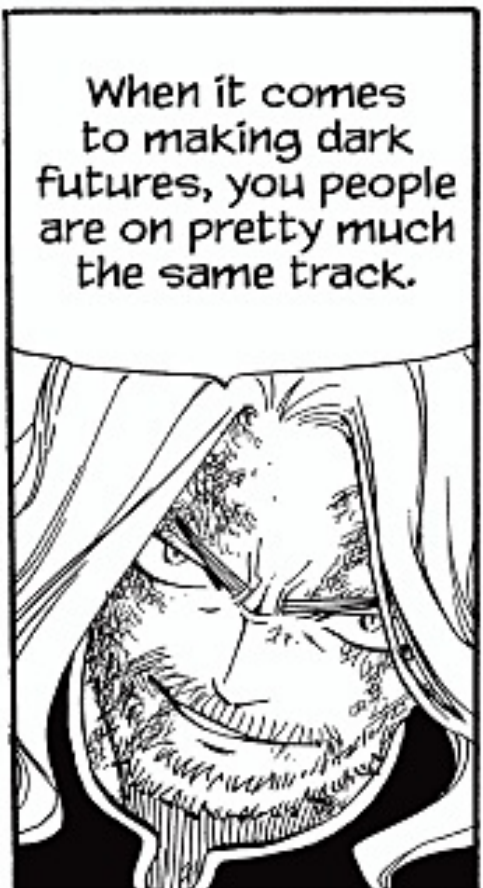


Who would believe a cock-and-bull story like that?!

There is no need for you to understand.

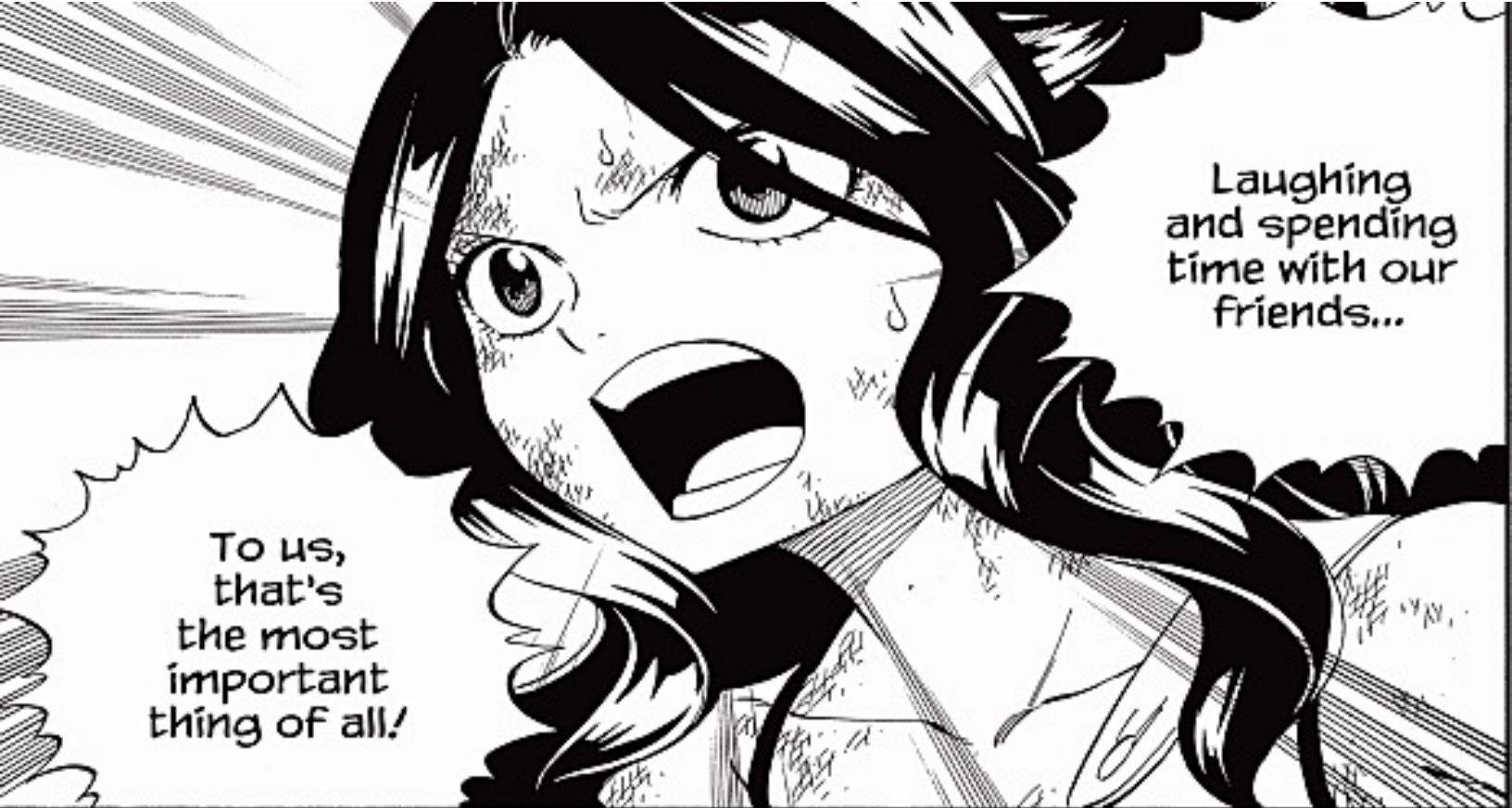


His Majesty is acting in service of humanity's future.



When it comes to making dark futures, you people are on pretty much the same track.





Laughing
and spending
time with our
friends...

To us,
that's
the most
important
thing of all!



That's why
we're not
gonna give
up, no matter
what
happens!



Cana...



FLASH

Not when this
town and our
guild are on
the line!!!!

Send
Achnologia
or Zeref or
whoever! We
won't budge!



Ohh!!



One of
the Three
Great Fairy
Magics...



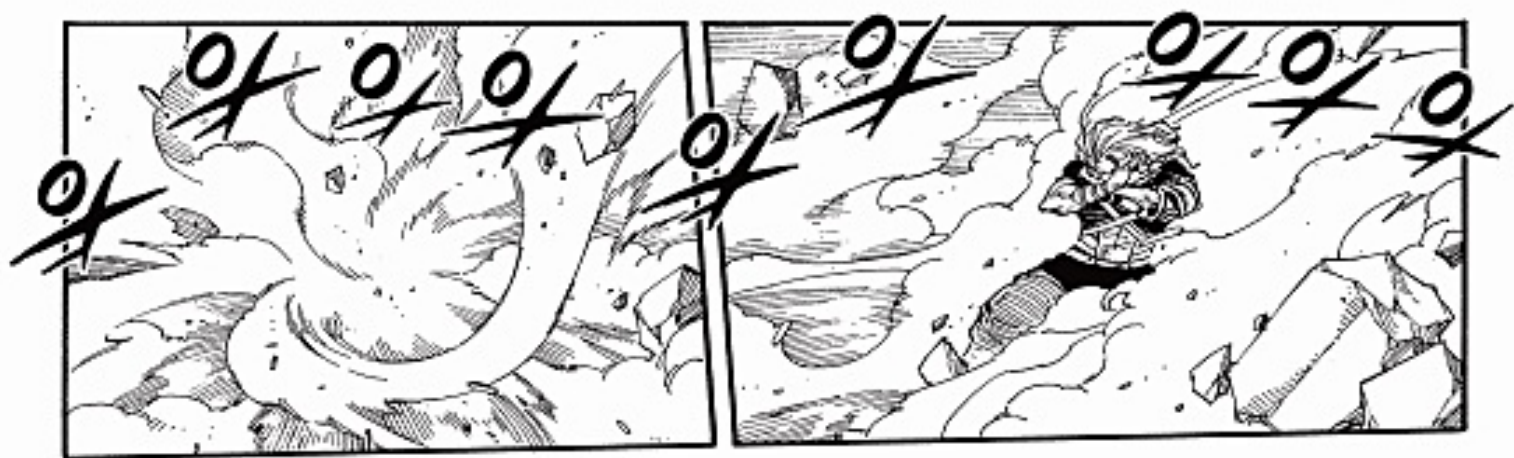
You cause
a disaster,
and we'll
send one
back at
you!

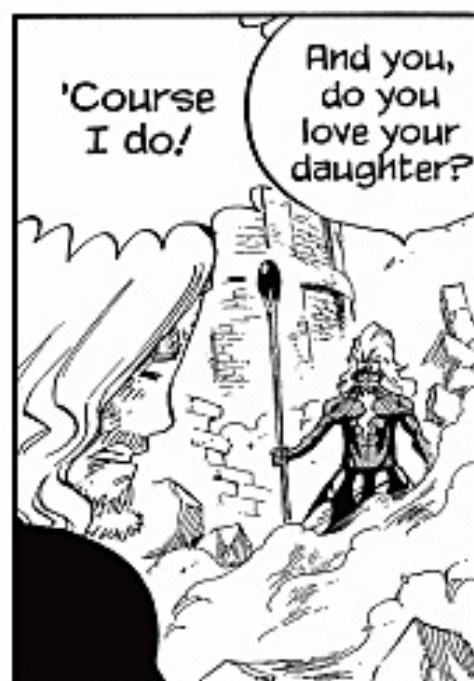
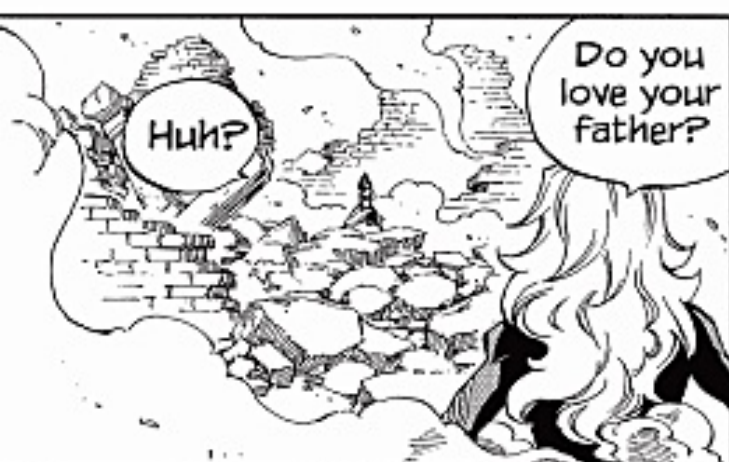
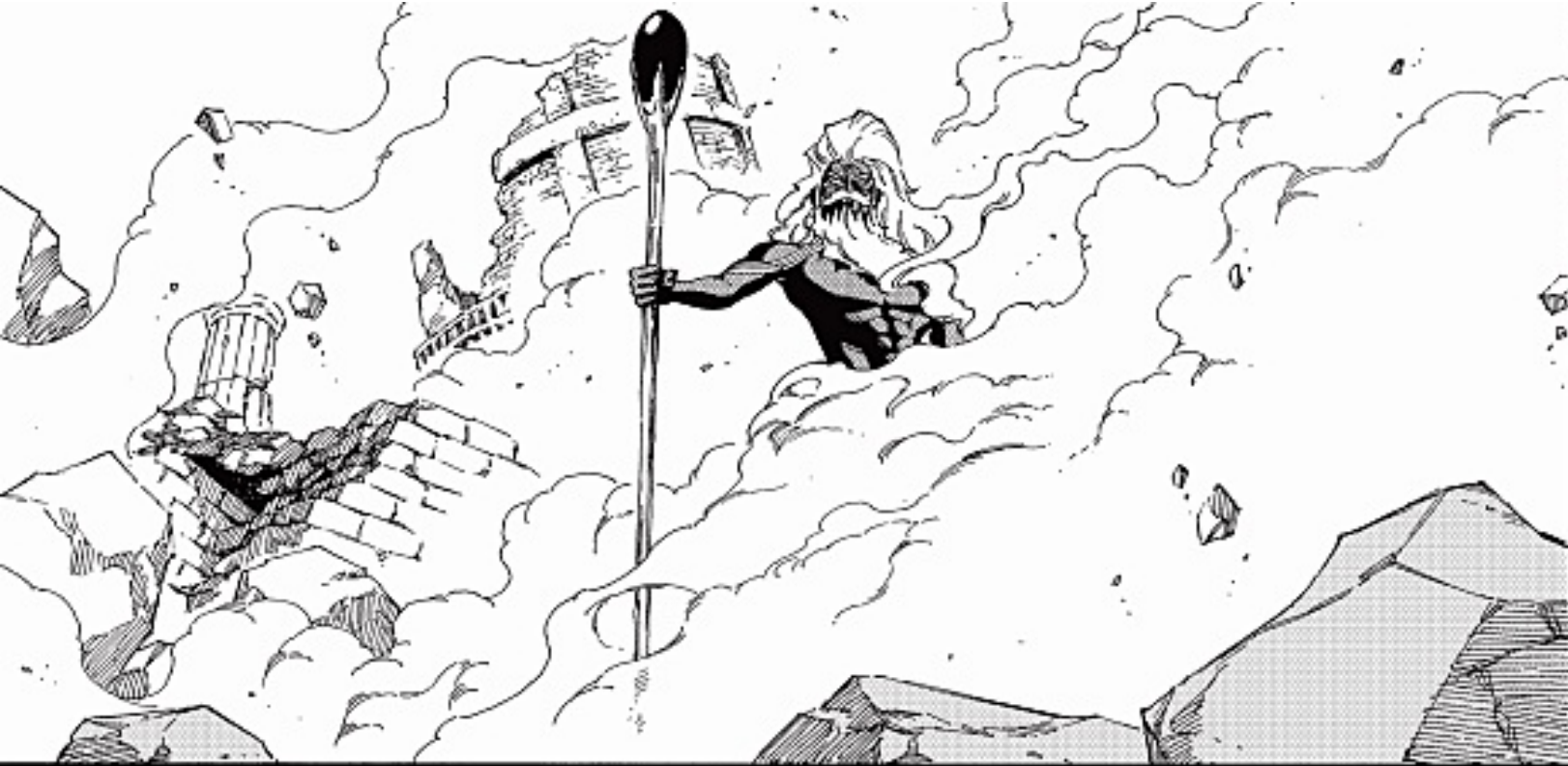
SHEEEEN

BOOM

**FAIRY
GLITTER
!!!!**









The love
between
parent and
child.



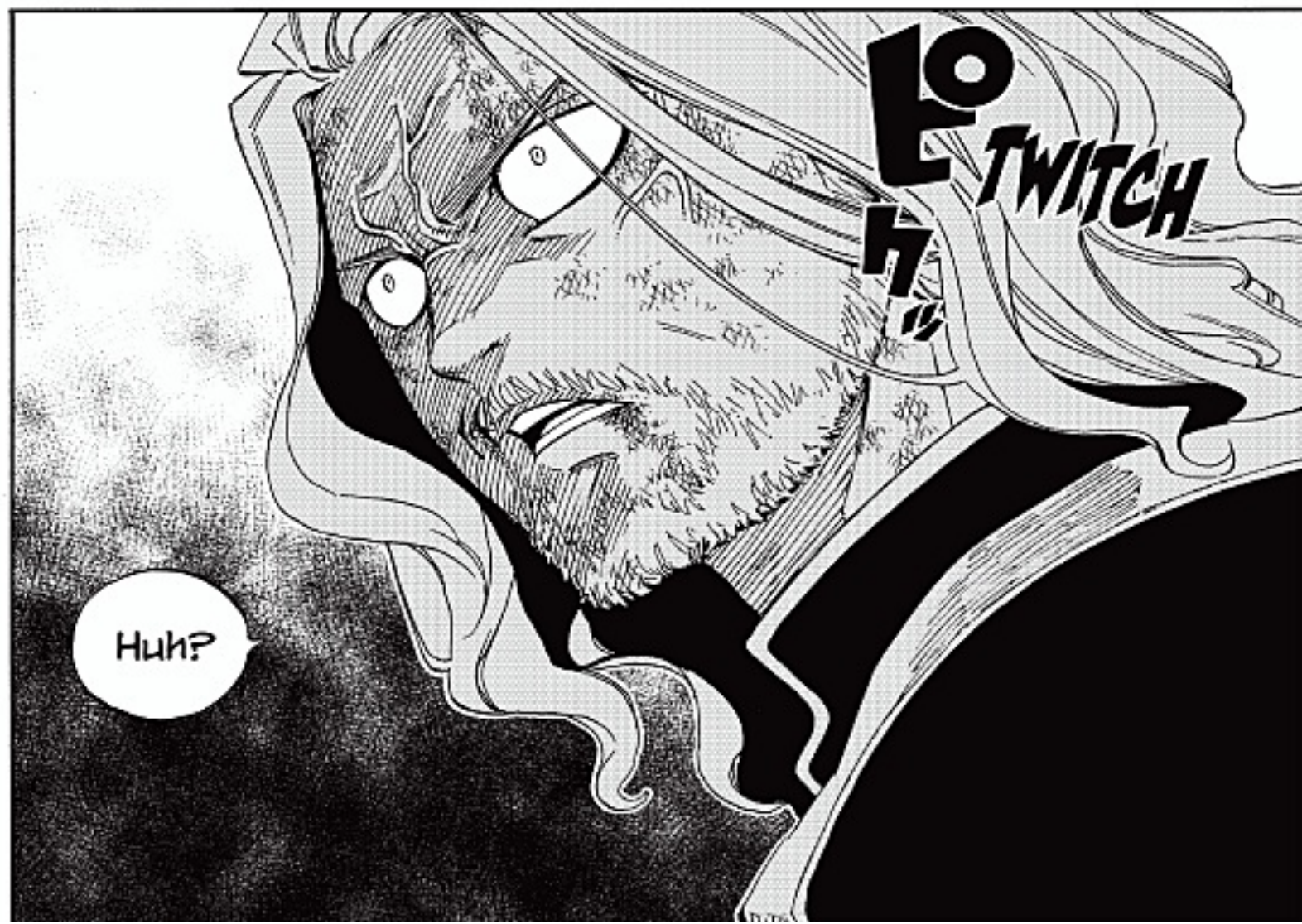
I have
acquired
perhaps every
magic in the
world.

And yet,
there is one
concept that
eludes me.



...what
emotions
would you
feel at that
moment?

For example,
if your
daughter
were to perish
before your
very eyes...



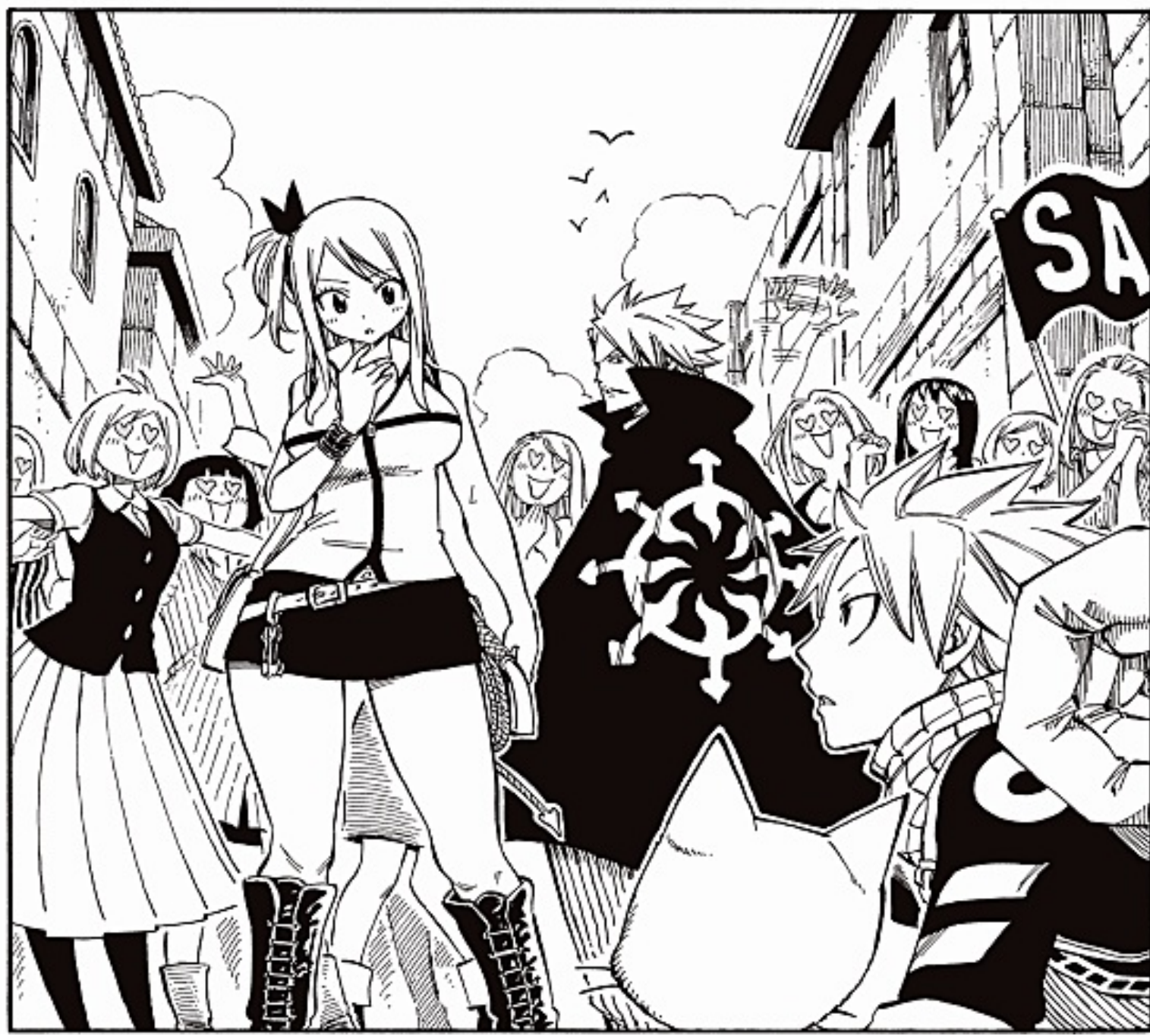
Huh?

LO
H
TWITCH

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 525: Why Did the Emperor Never Love His Child?





...and
I...



...will show you a
hell that will make
death look like a
walk in the park!





A child loves his
parents... And a
parent loves his
child?



Of course
he should!

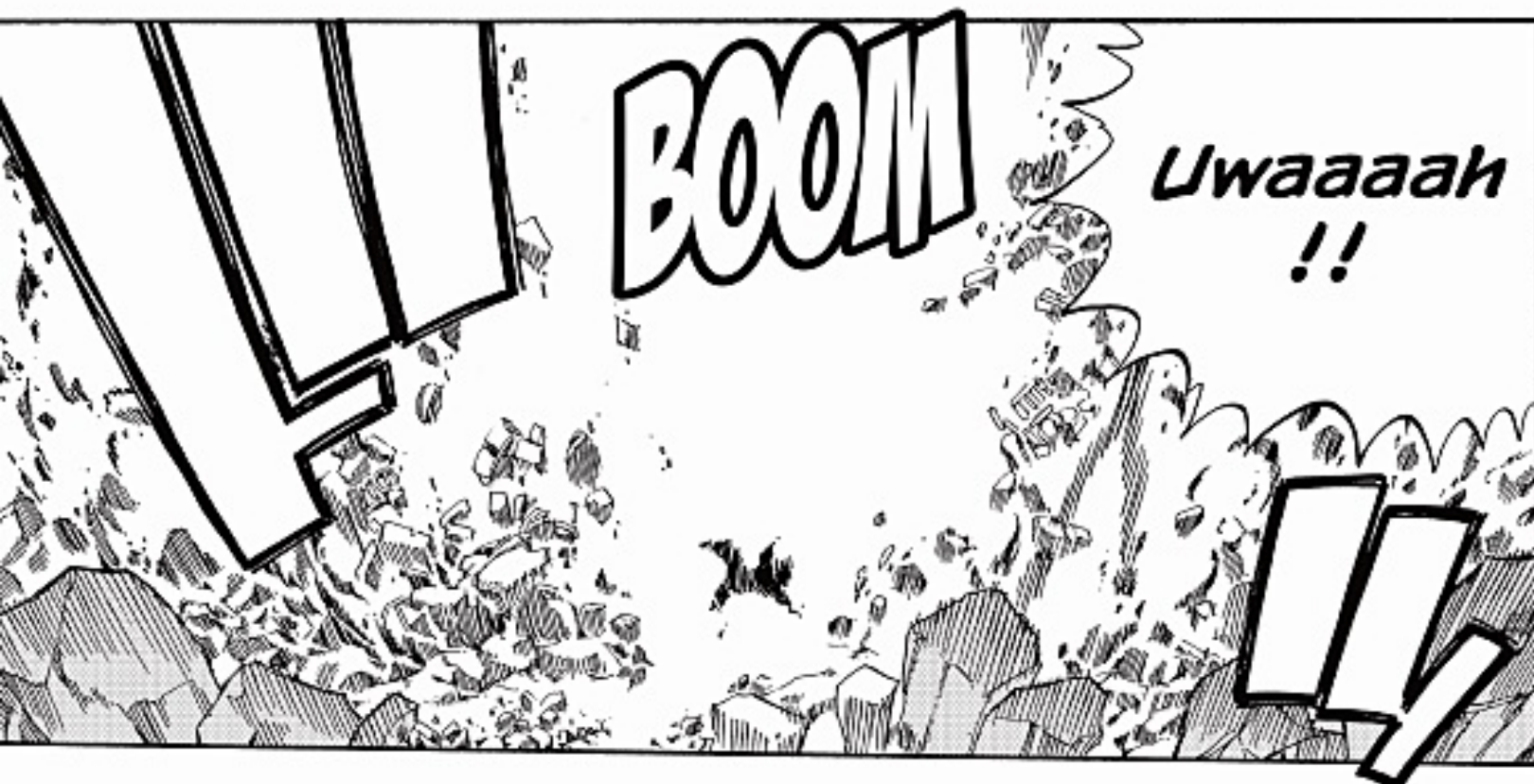




Then why has
the Emperor
never loved his
child?



Then...



Who do
you think I
am?!



Stay
away,
Cana!



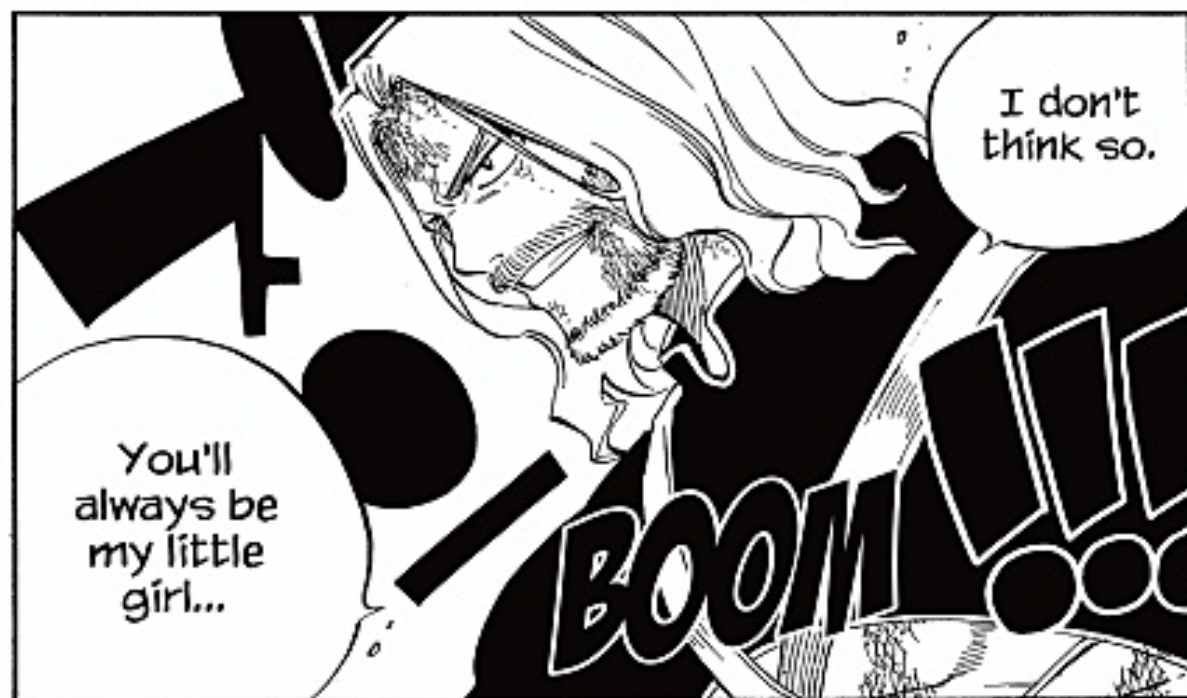
Gildarts!

WAOOSH





So cut out that over-protective dad stuff.

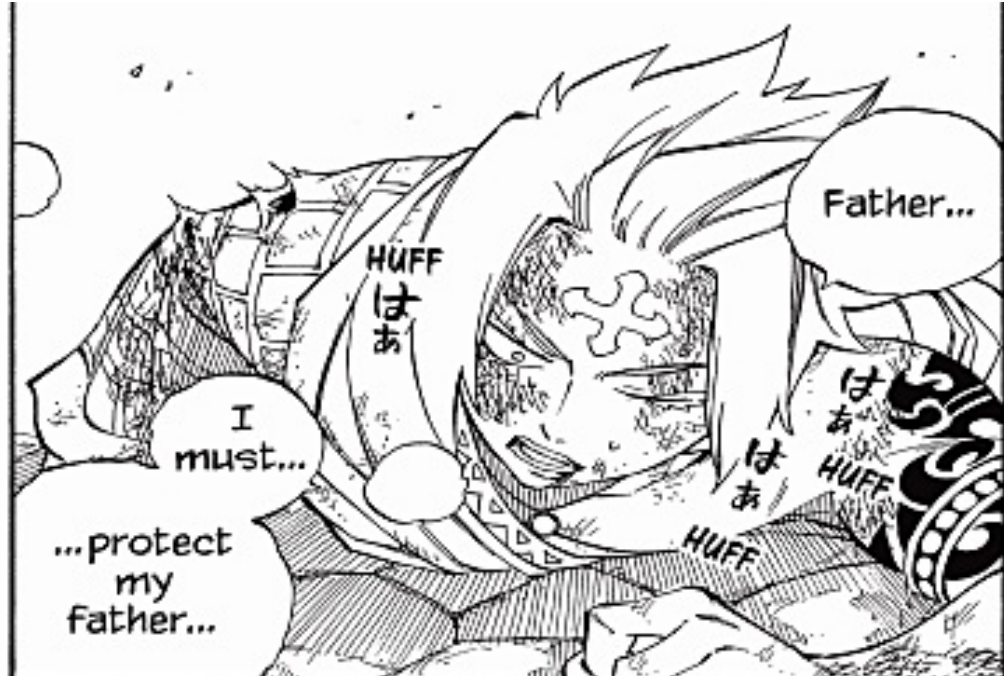


You'll always be my little girl...

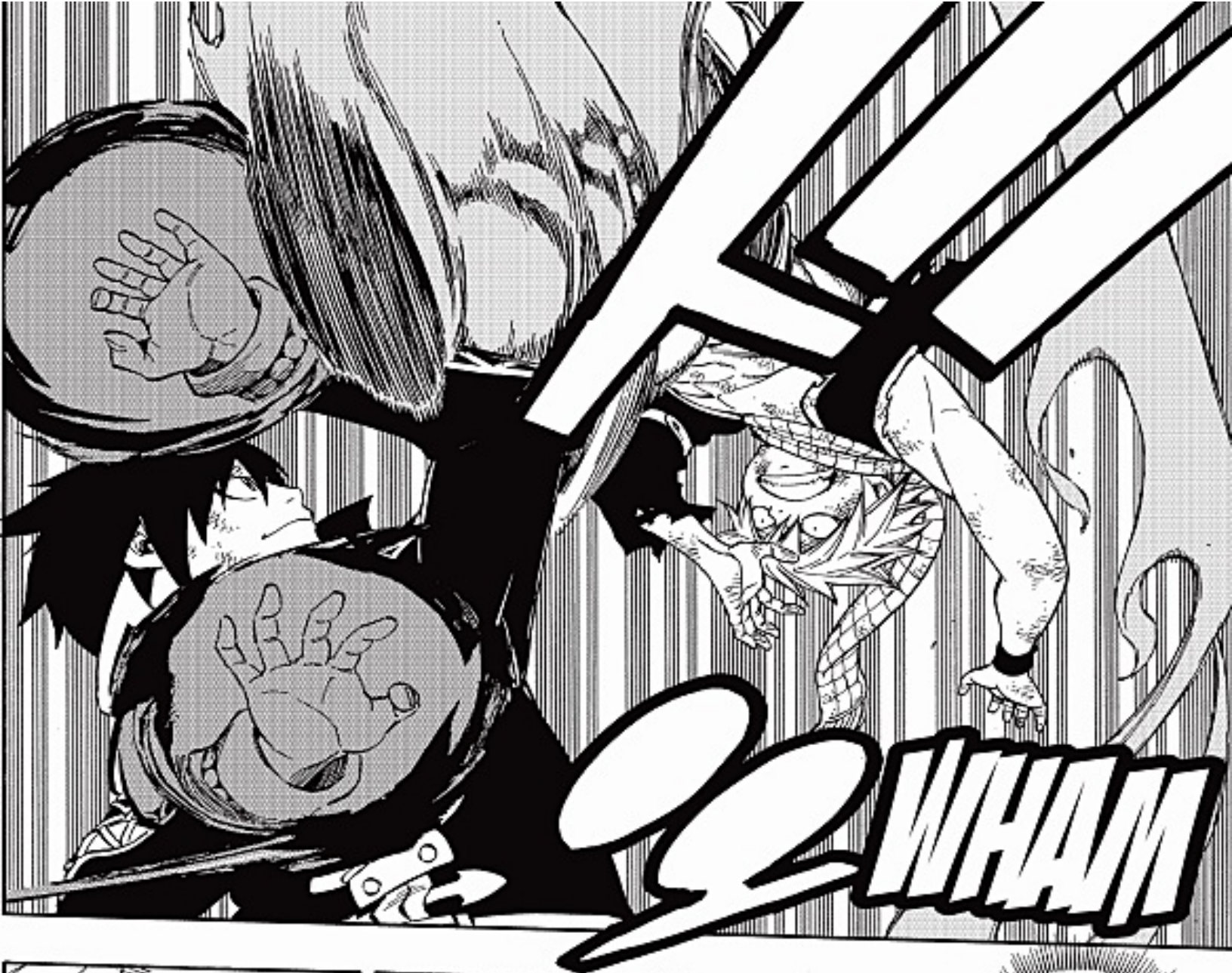
I don't think so.



Why did the Emperor never love his child?



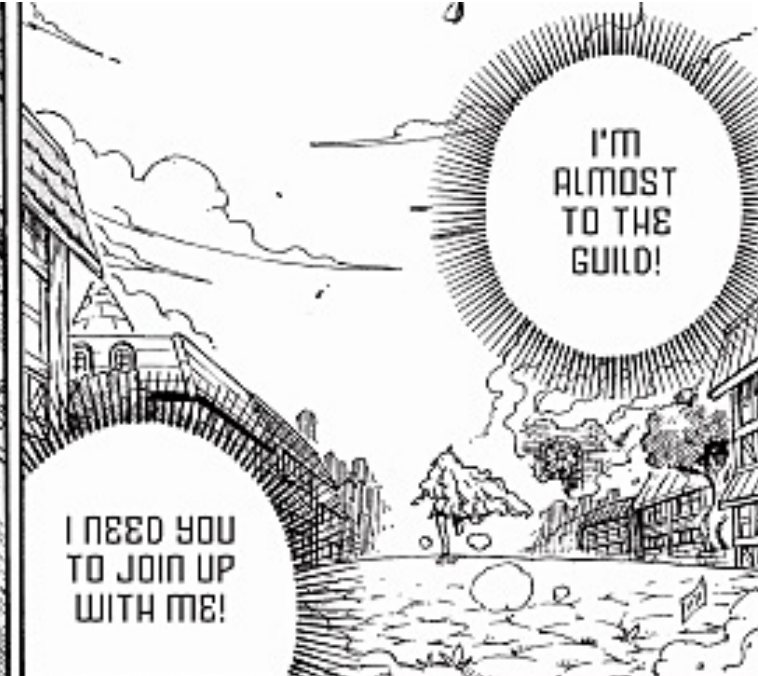






But...
Natsu...

We can't
just leave
him...



I'M
ALMOST
TO THE
GUILD!

I NEED YOU
TO JOIN UP
WITH ME!



Huh?



AND IN
ME!!

TRUST IN
NATSU!



NATSU'S
FATE
DEPENDS ON
YOU!!



...



HURRY
!!



Don't
you dare
lose this
fight!



!

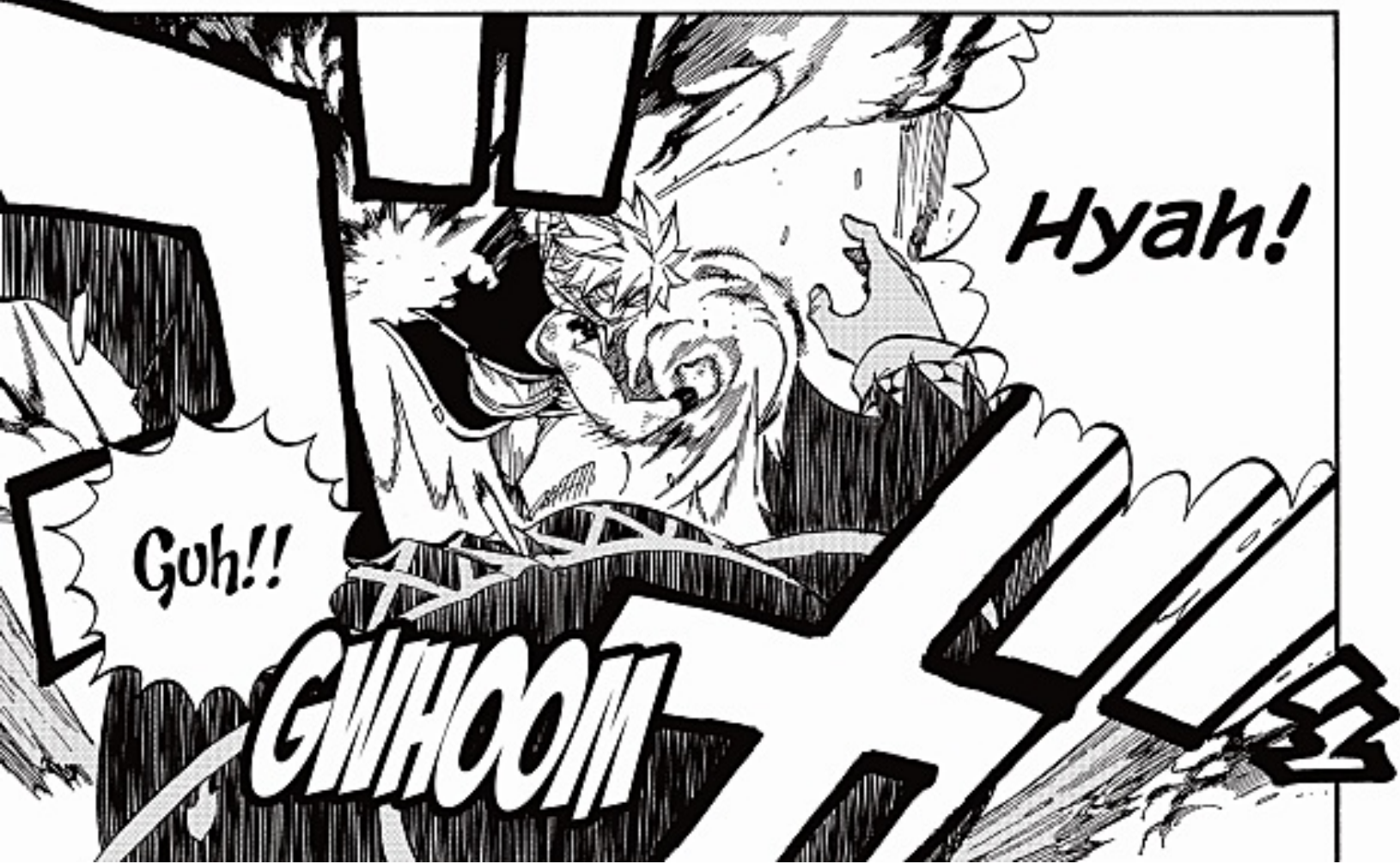
GRRRRN

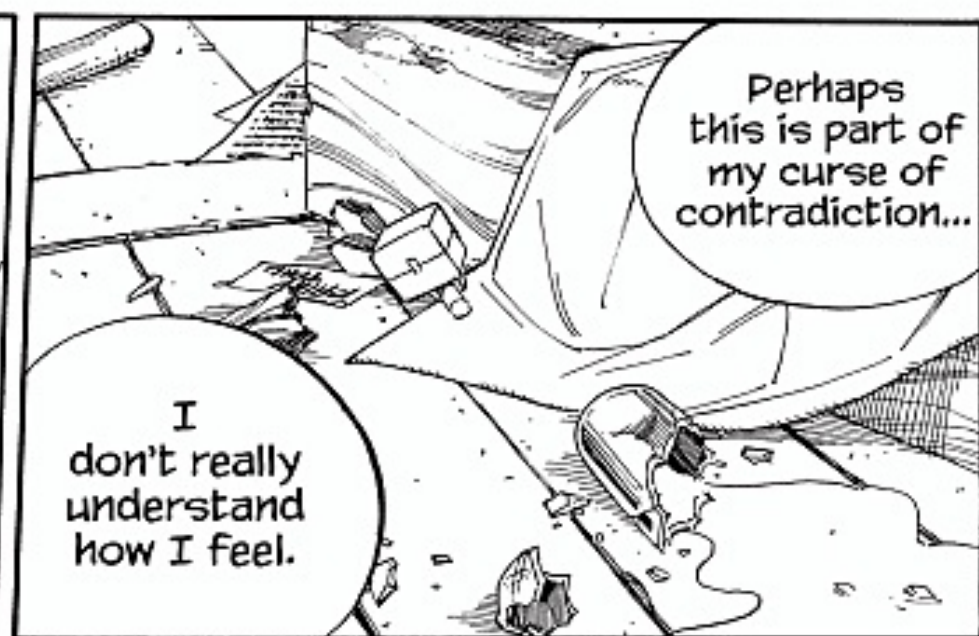


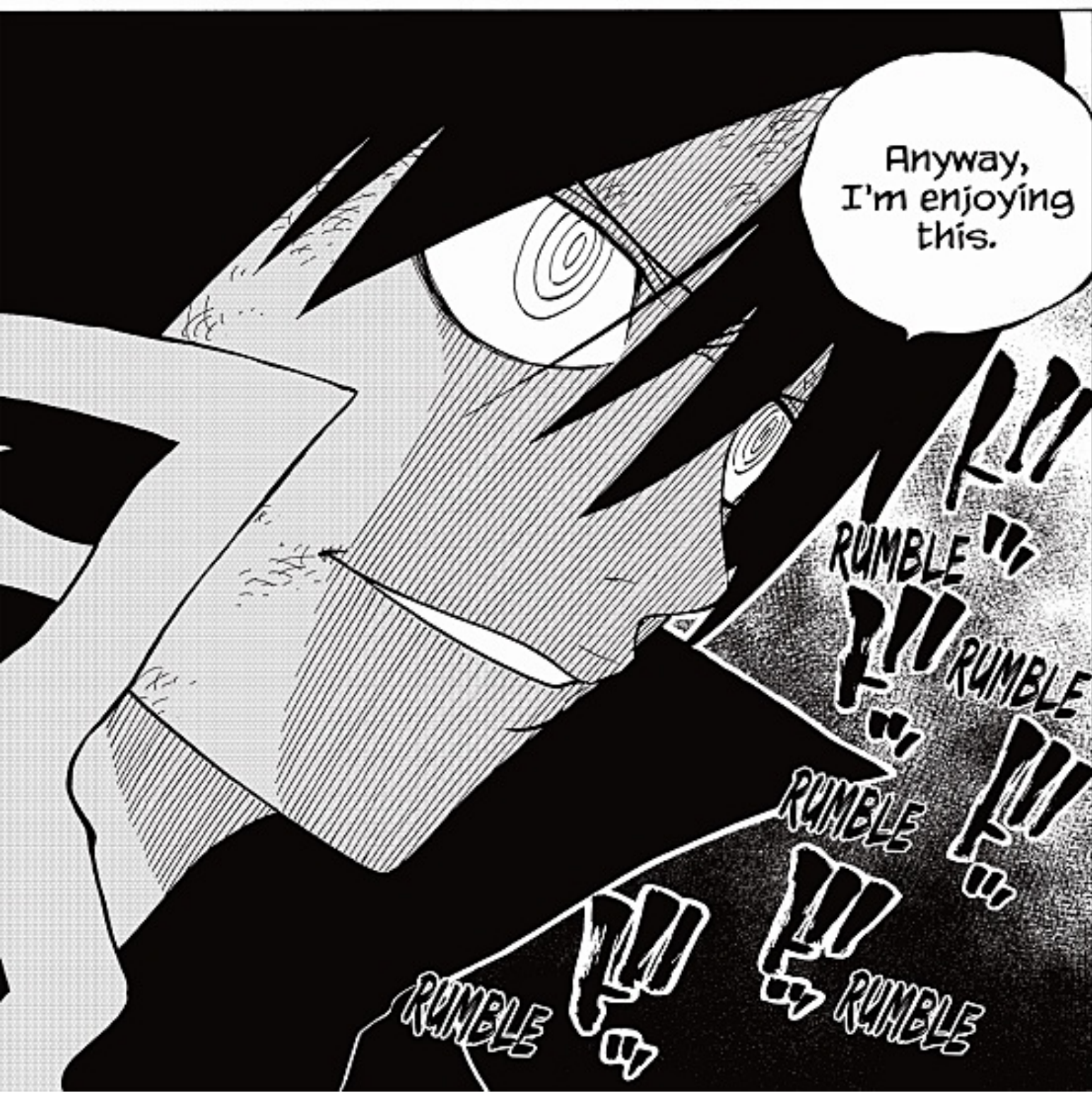
Guh!!

GIHOOO

Hyah!







Anyway,
I'm enjoying
this.



Now... This is your chance...

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

I gotta pull myself together here!

No sleepin' on the job!

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

I gotta pull myself together here!

No sleepin' on the job!

Father
?!

Let his white soul ascend to the heavens!



Hurry! You can kill him now!

Free yourself from this curse your brother holds!

Hurry! You can kill him now!

Free yourself from this curse your brother holds!





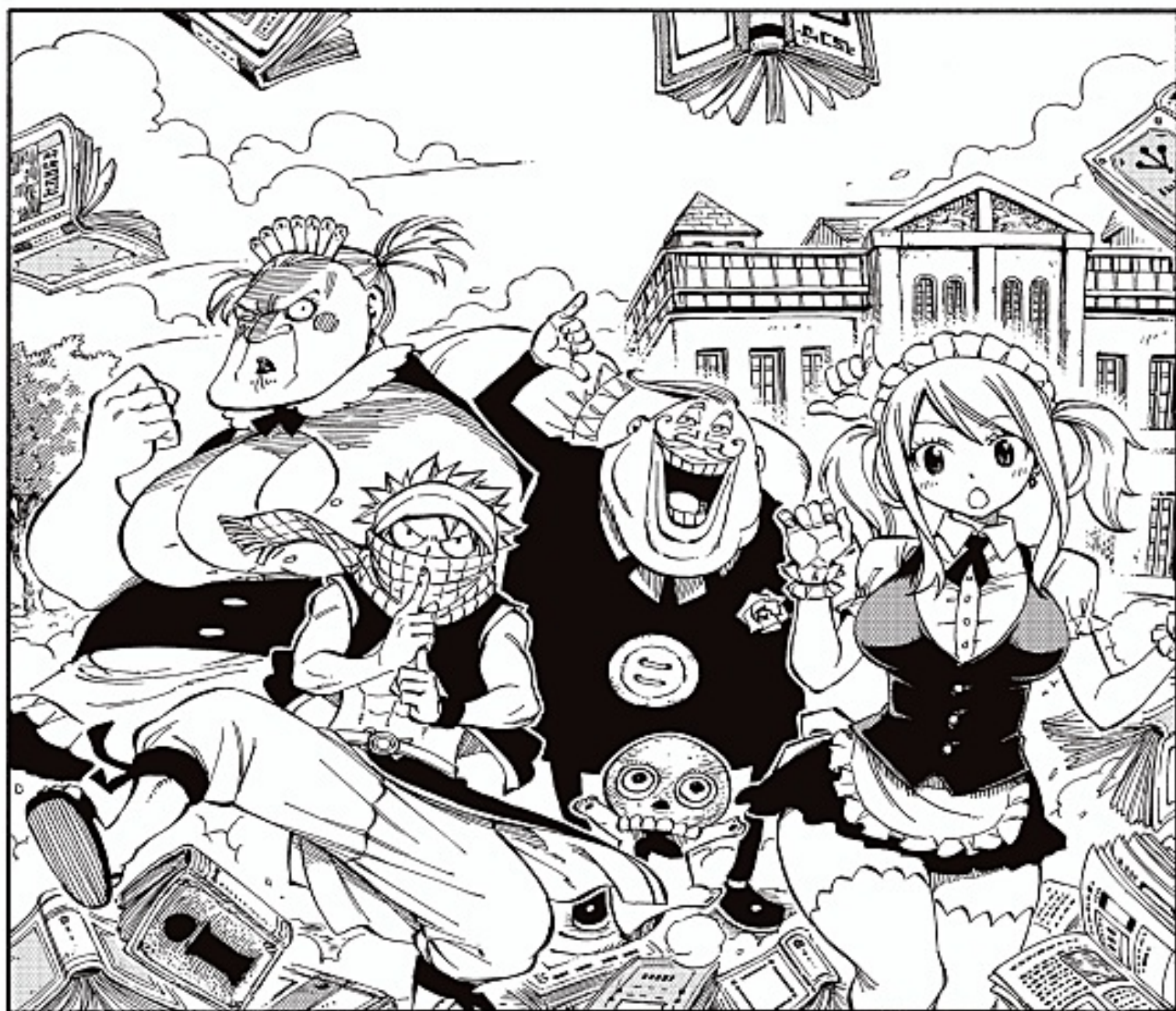


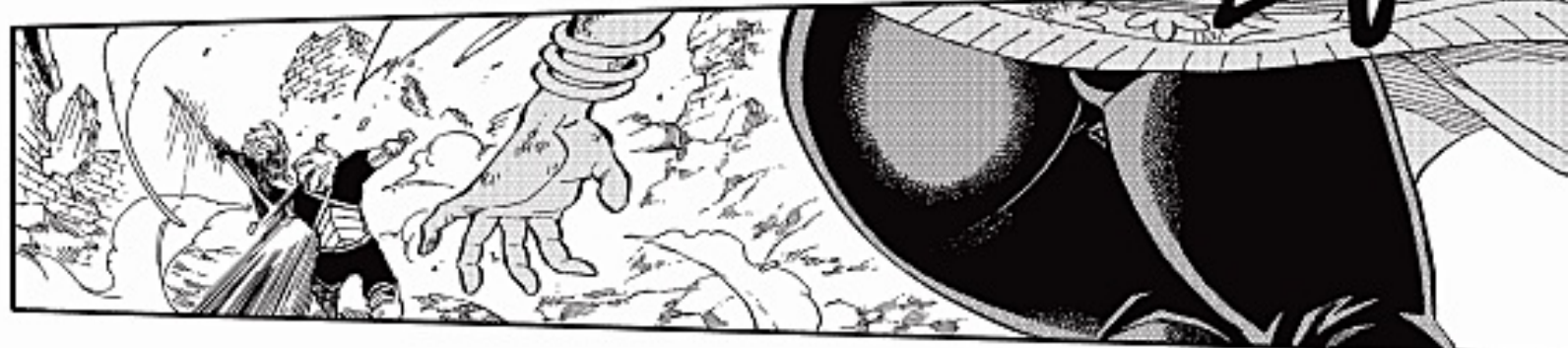


FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 526: My Name Is...









!!



BWOOSH



BOOM

Uwaah!!

Eyaaah!



Not my
magic...
Not even
Fairy
Glitter...
Nothing
seems to
work on
him!



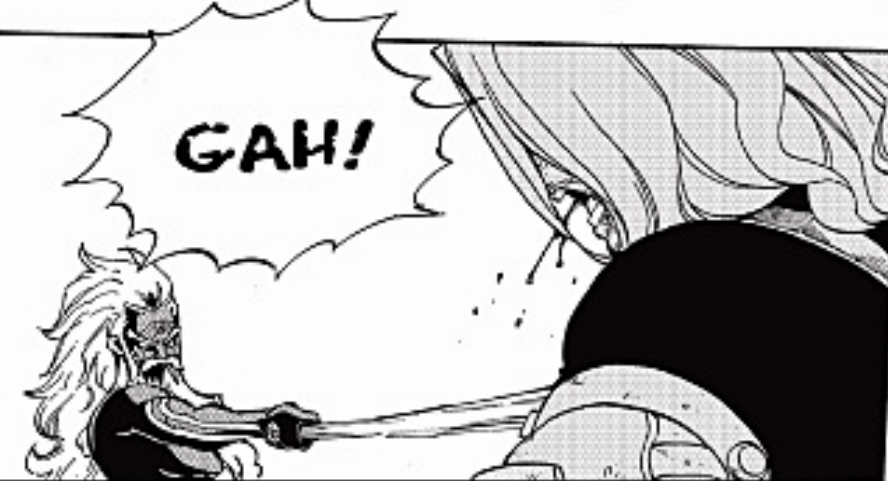
SPRACH



Nooo!!



This nonsense called a father's love...



GAH!



Gildarts !!

This is nothing.
That's the part
that already
got eaten by
Acnologia! I'm
still fine.



Ungh...

Gildarts
!!



Stop
overdoing
everything!!

I can't
stop! Not
when it comes
to my kid!

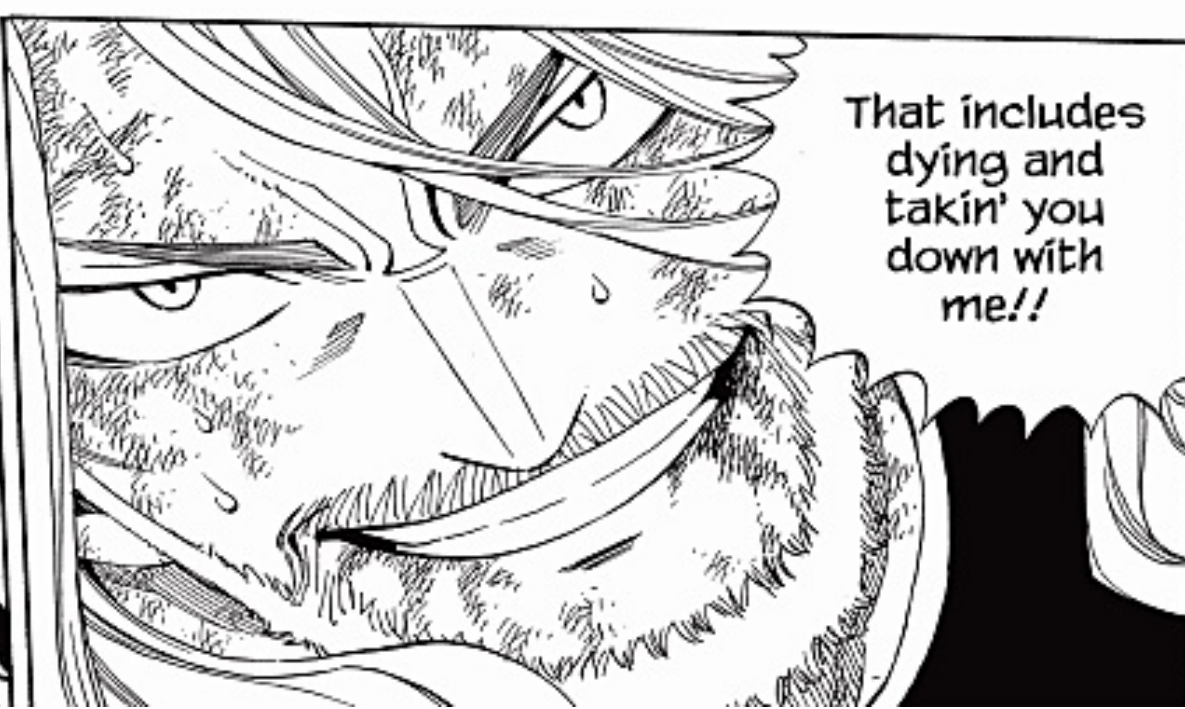
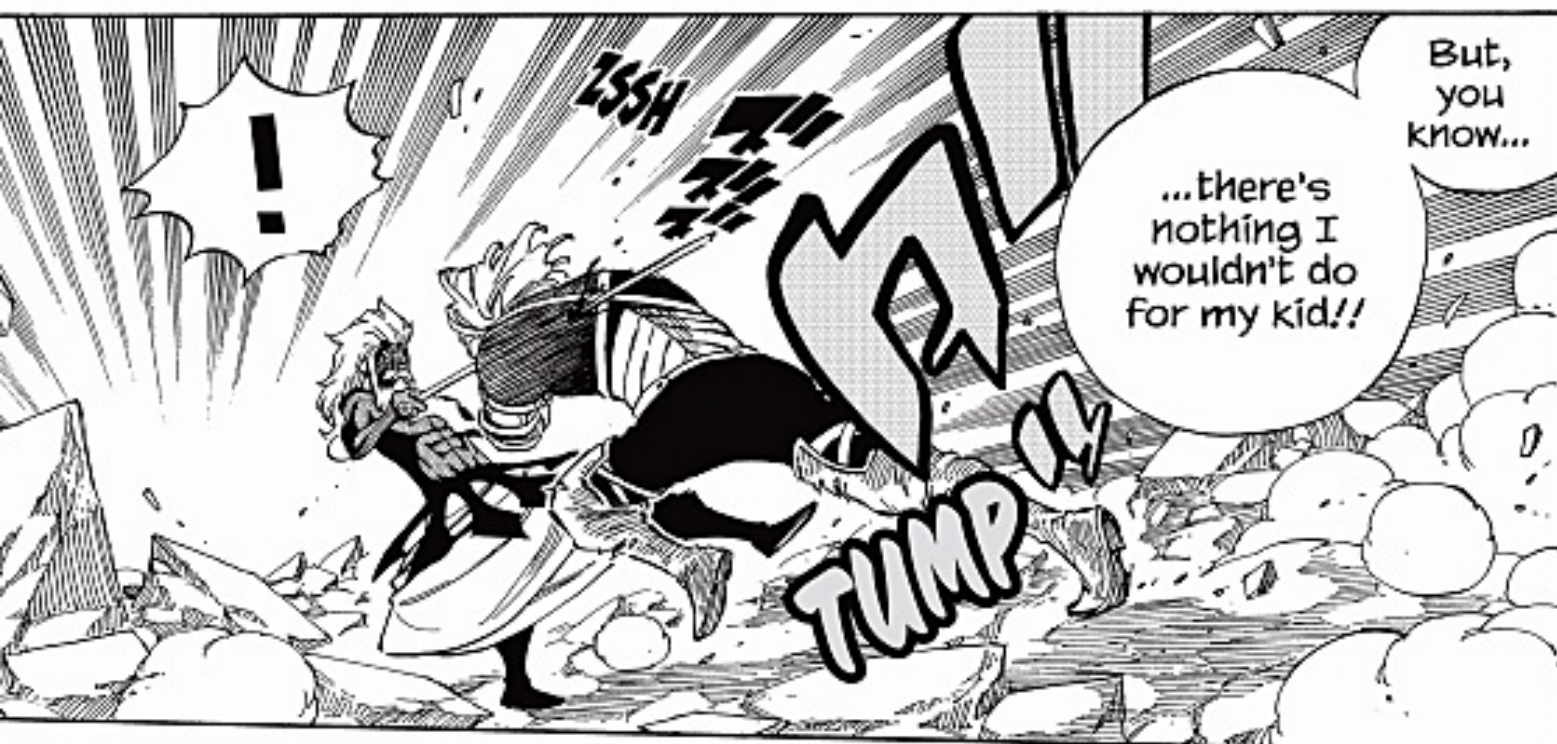
Give me a
break! Why'd
you go and leave
again, then?!

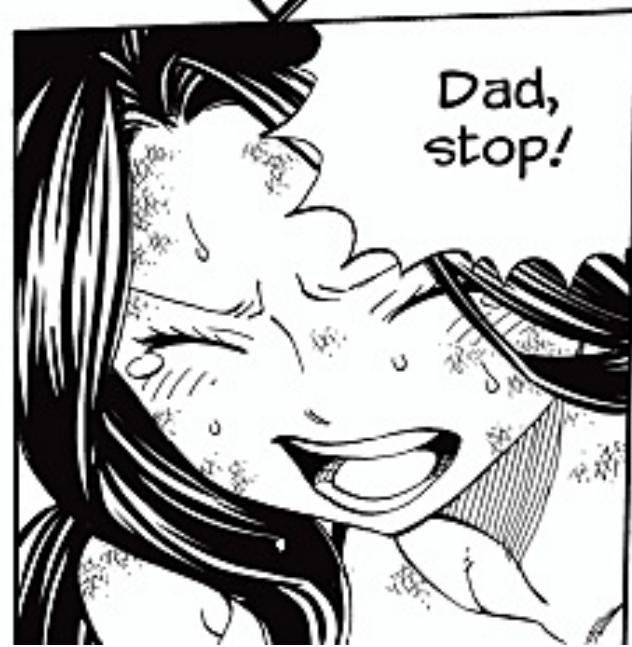


But once
I had a kid,
you were
all that
mattered.

Funny, isn't
it? All I ever
thought of
before was
myself.



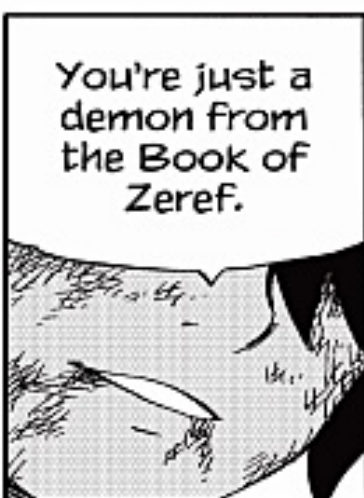








I
have no
children.

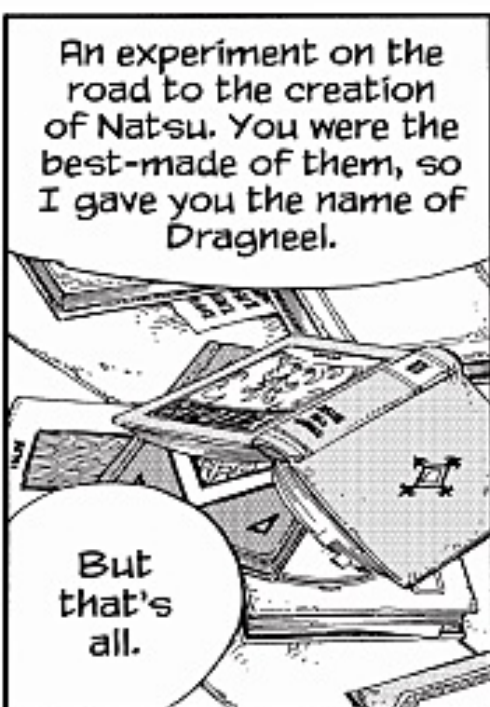


You're just a
demon from
the Book of
Zeref.



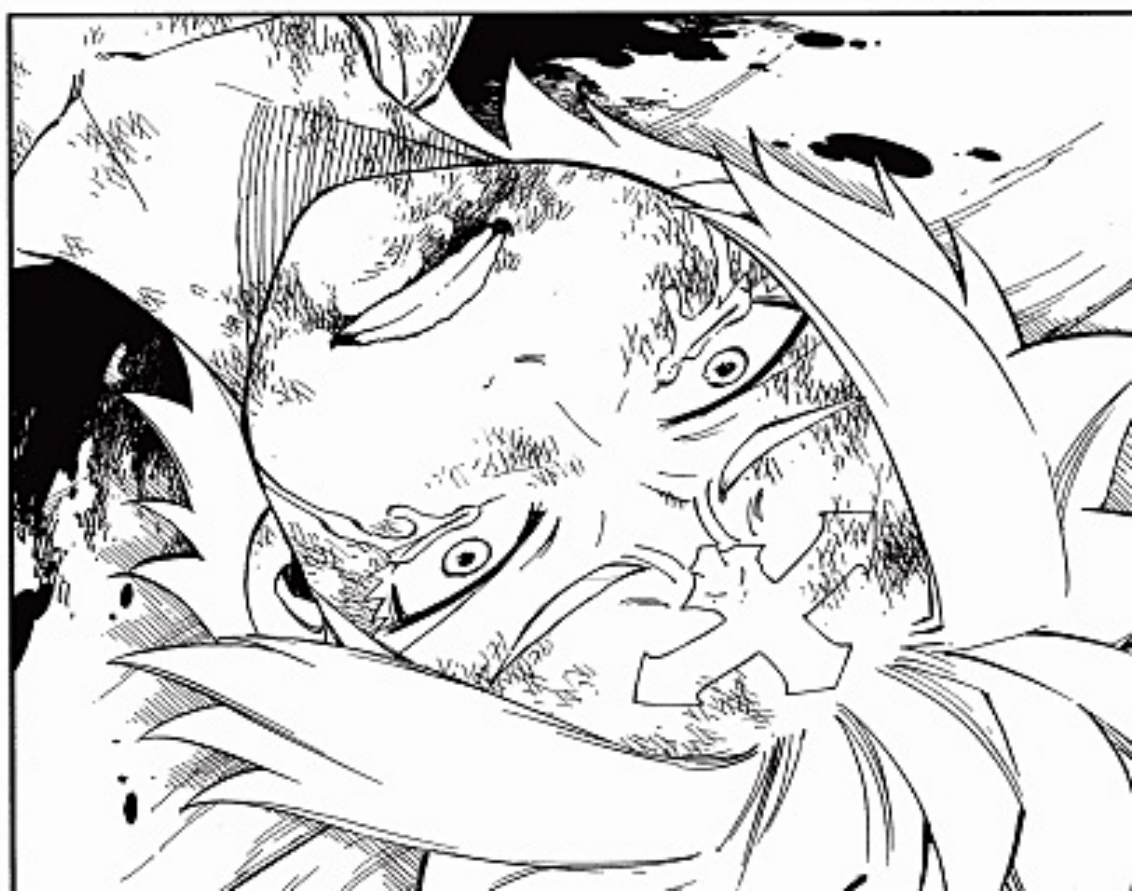
But...
But
I'm...

...your
son...



An experiment on the
road to the creation
of Natsu. You were the
best-made of them, so
I gave you the name of
Dragneel.

But
that's
all.







But how...?
No... Mavis may not
look it, but she's an
adult. That isn't the
problem.



And the
father...
would be
Zeref...?



It's
Mavis's
child...

Was it a
mistake
to let it be
born...?



It has
enormous
magic power
that is neither
light nor
dark.

What to
do with the
child...?



*But I
bear no
grudge
against
him.*

*Precht
abandoned
me.*



*After all,
I had quite
enough
magic for
that.*

*I learned
about Zeref
and Mavis
from my own
memories.*



*Survival
was a
struggle.*

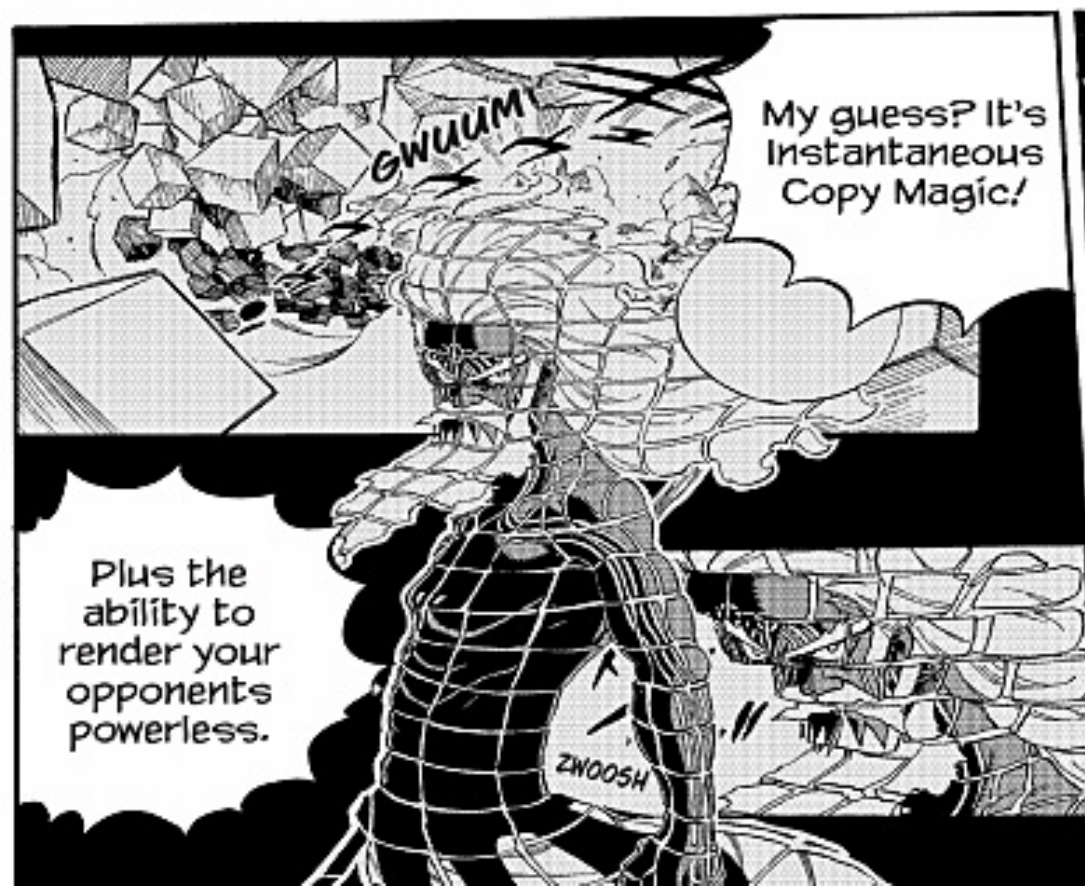
*My life
as a child
was one of
hardship.*

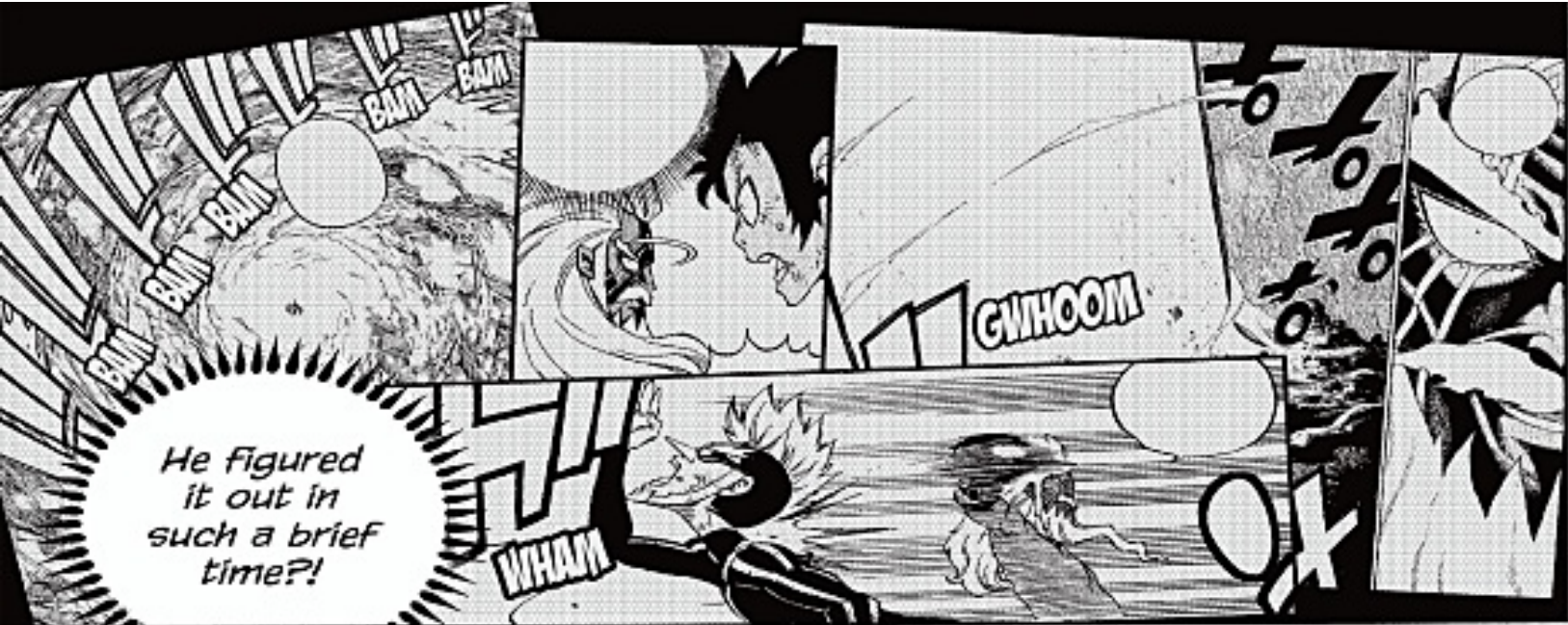


*...my
own
father.*

*But the
one who
finally
saved me
was...*





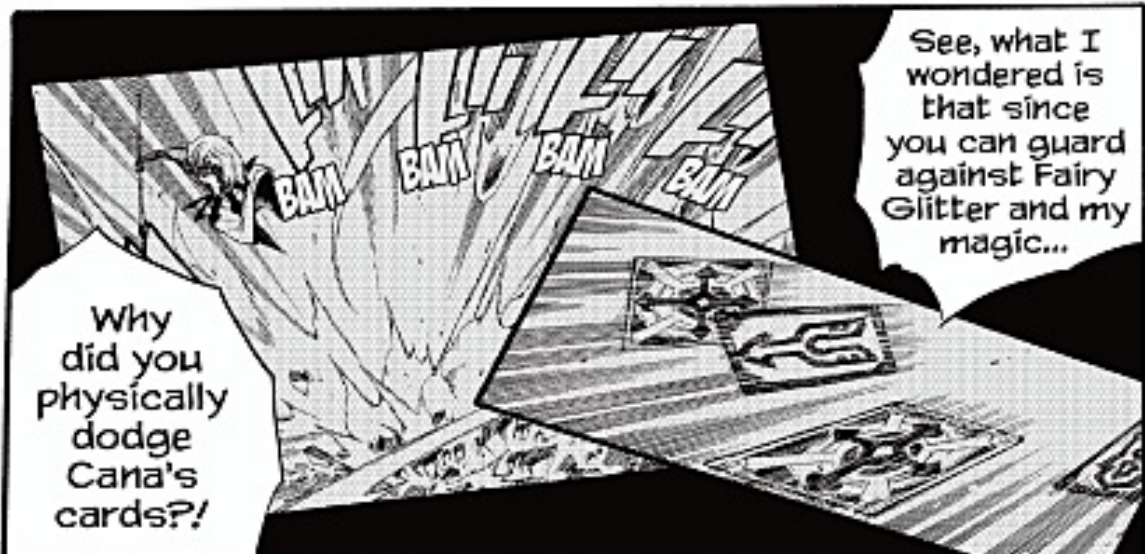


He figured
it out in
such a brief
time?!



Huh?

Why
did you
physically
dodge
Cana's
cards?!



See, what I
wondered is
that since
you can guard
against Fairy
Glitter and my
magic...



Is *that*
how it
works?!



So you
can't copy
magic that
comes
from
tools.



'Course you
can't! Lucy can't
go calling any
Celestial Spirits
without her keys,
right?



It's because
you can't copy
holder-type
magic, huh?





Then
don't give
me that crap
about dying
and takin' him
with you!!!

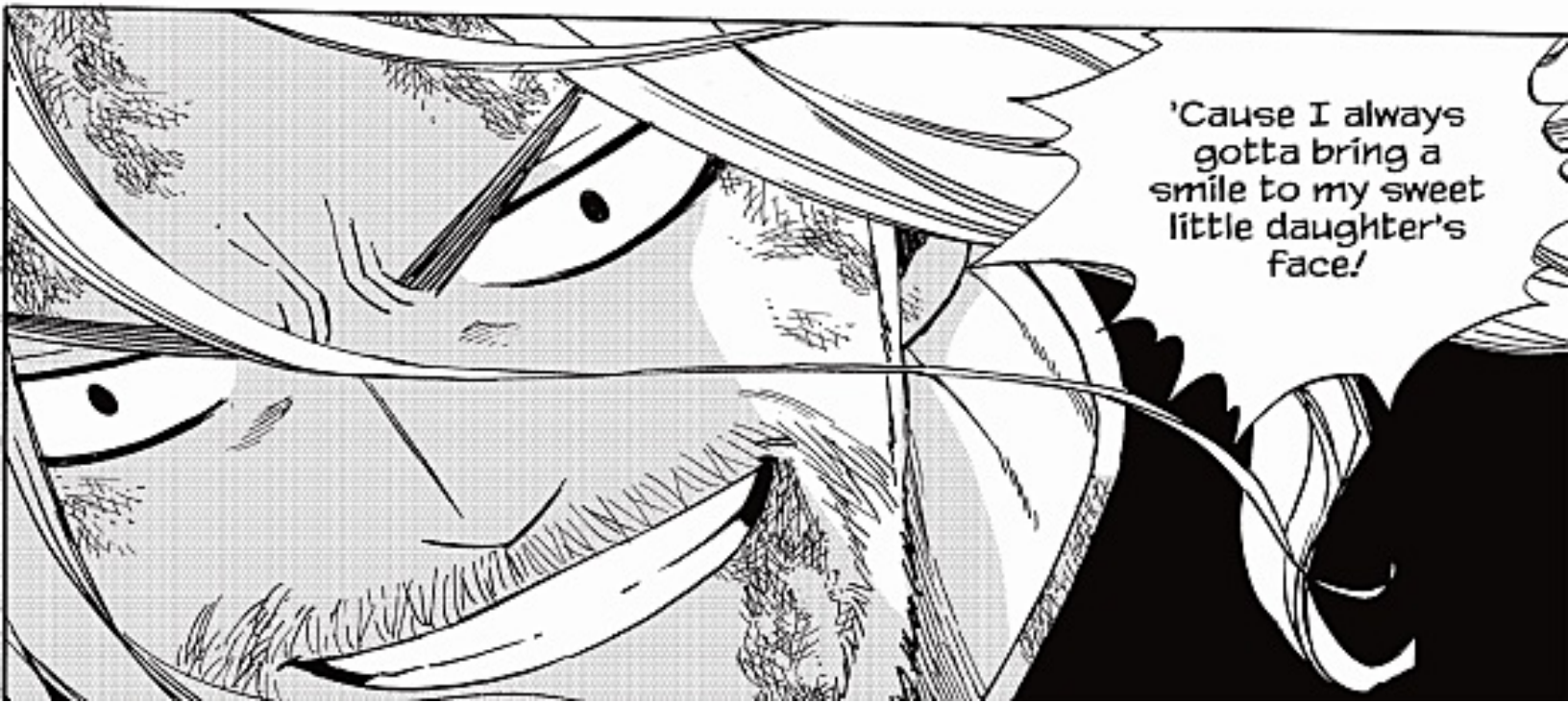


Goh!!

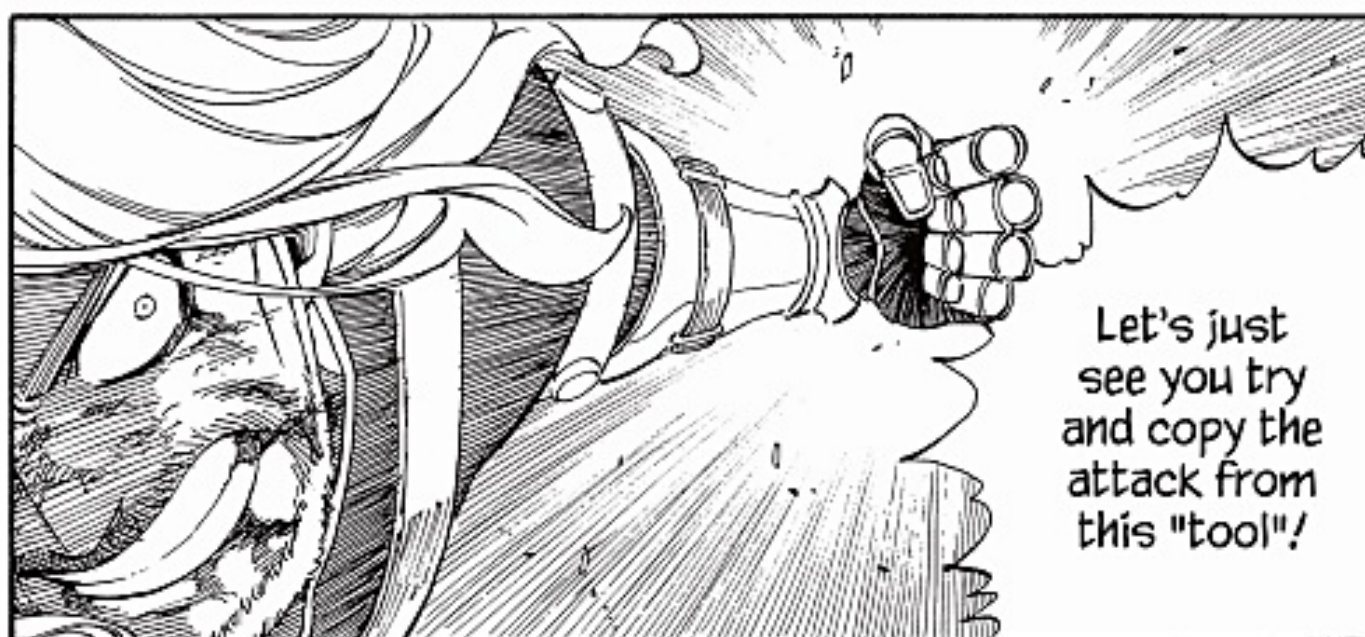
ZWAK

BAM BAM BAM BAM

I ain't
gonna
die!



'Cause I always
gotta bring a
smile to my sweet
little daughter's
face!





**HAJA
KENSEI:
ZETTEN*
!!!!**

GOHOOO

AA!!

*Break the False to Reveal the True: True Heaven!!!



*And
Father
gave me
a name.*



I spent some
time with a certain
girl. And that time
was precious to
me.



GWA

AA

AA



It was in
the month
of August.

And you
remind me
a little of
her.

*...because
he never
realized he
had one...*

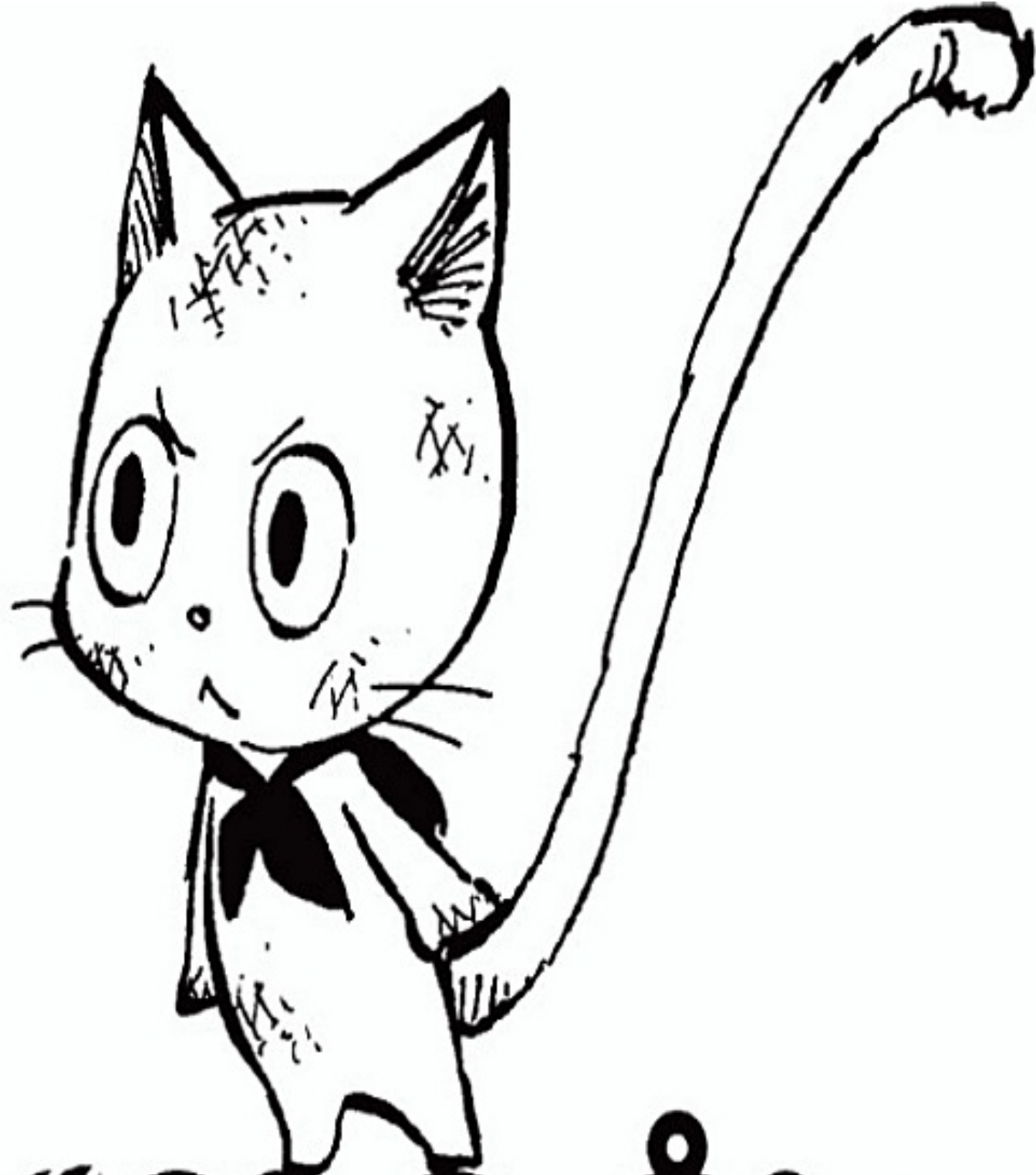
*My
name
is...*

August.

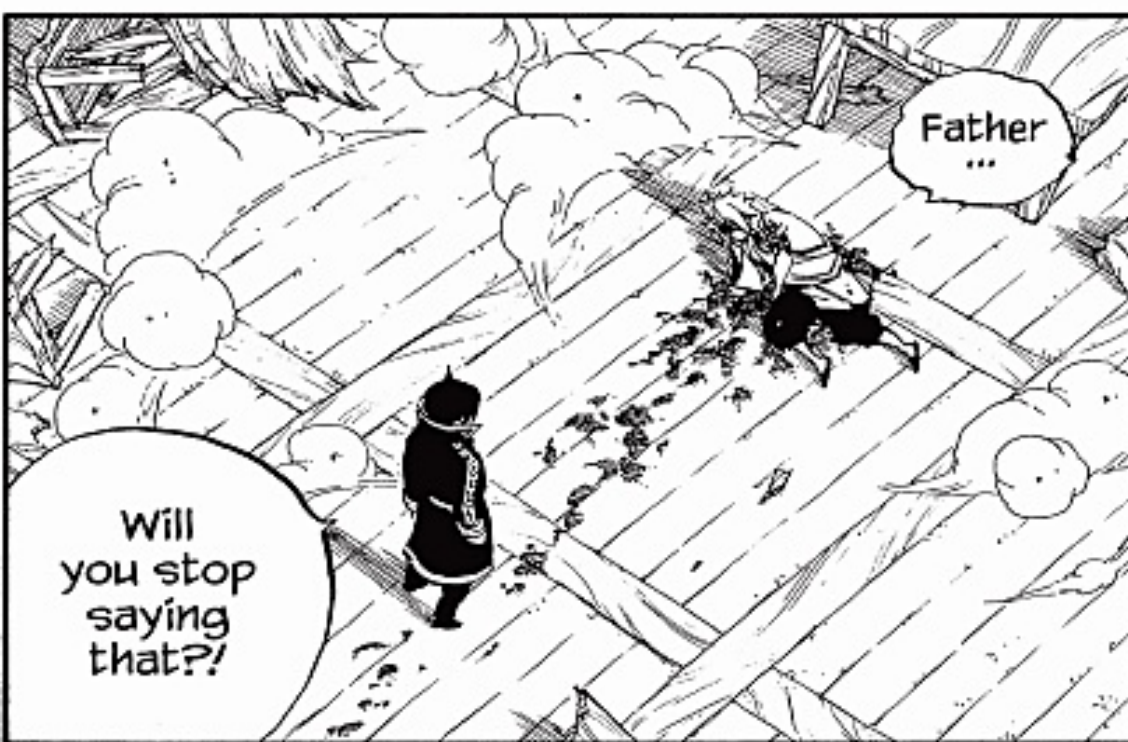
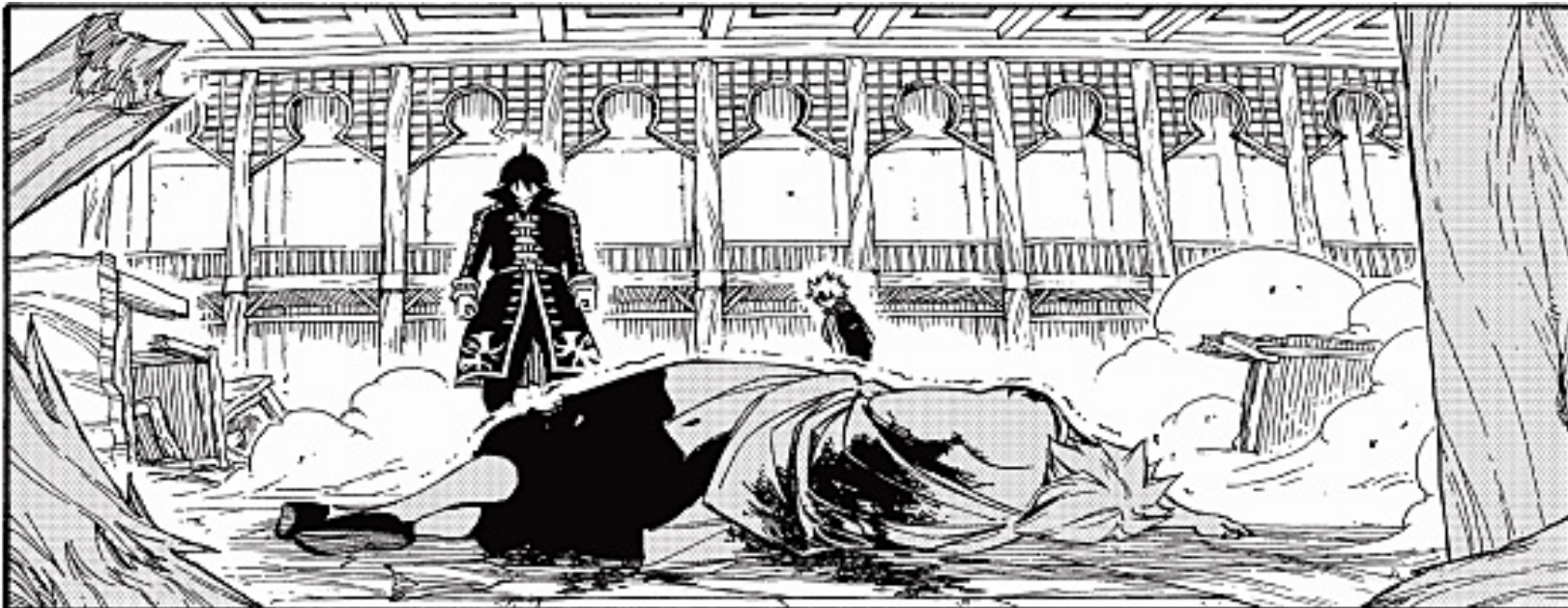
*The reason
why His
Majesty
never loved
his child is...*

Chapter 527: Emotion





FAIRYTAIL



You are
nothing but a
book I wrote!!
Nothing but a
demon spawned
from that
book!!!



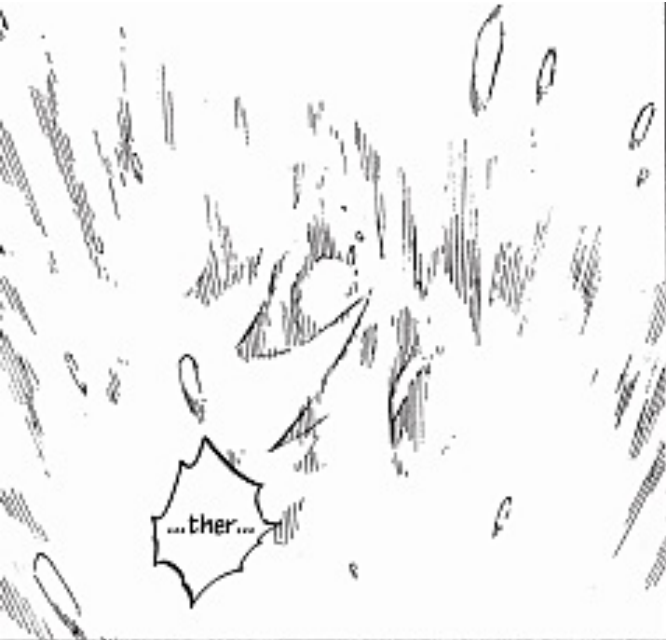
I have no
children...



FLASH

I can't
even stand the
sight of you
anymore!

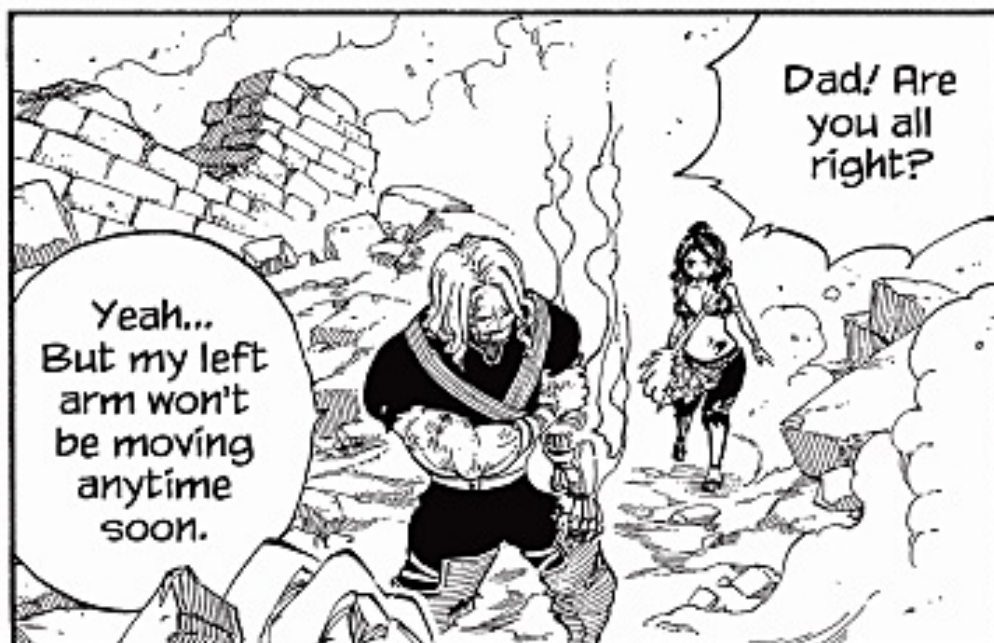








THUNK



Dad! Are you all right?

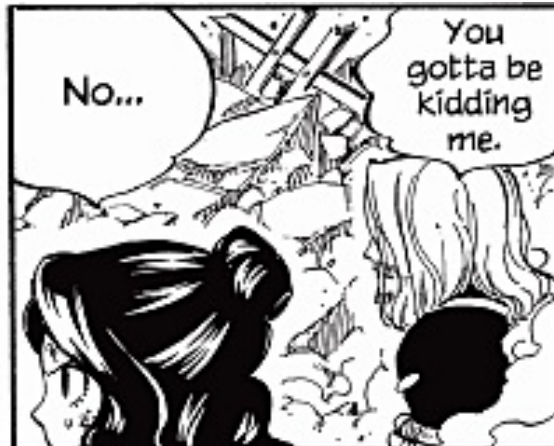
Yeah...
But my left arm won't be moving anytime soon.





I was...

...bestowed with tremendous magic at my birth.



No...

You gotta be kidding me.



When I came to a dead end in my life...

...it was His Majesty who saved me.

Because of it, I have...

...been abandoned and shunned.



BWOUGH

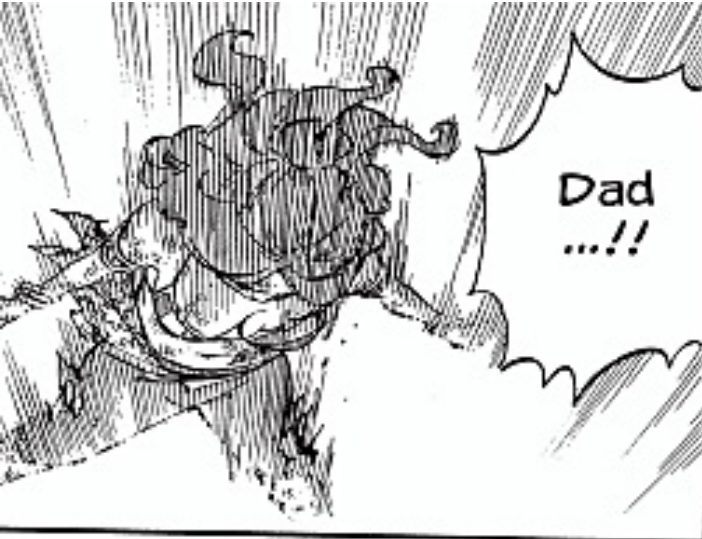
GNOO

...possess enough power to wipe this entire country off the face of the world!!

And even if it costs me my life...

I, August, the greatest of The Spriggan 12...

Q3



Dad
...!!

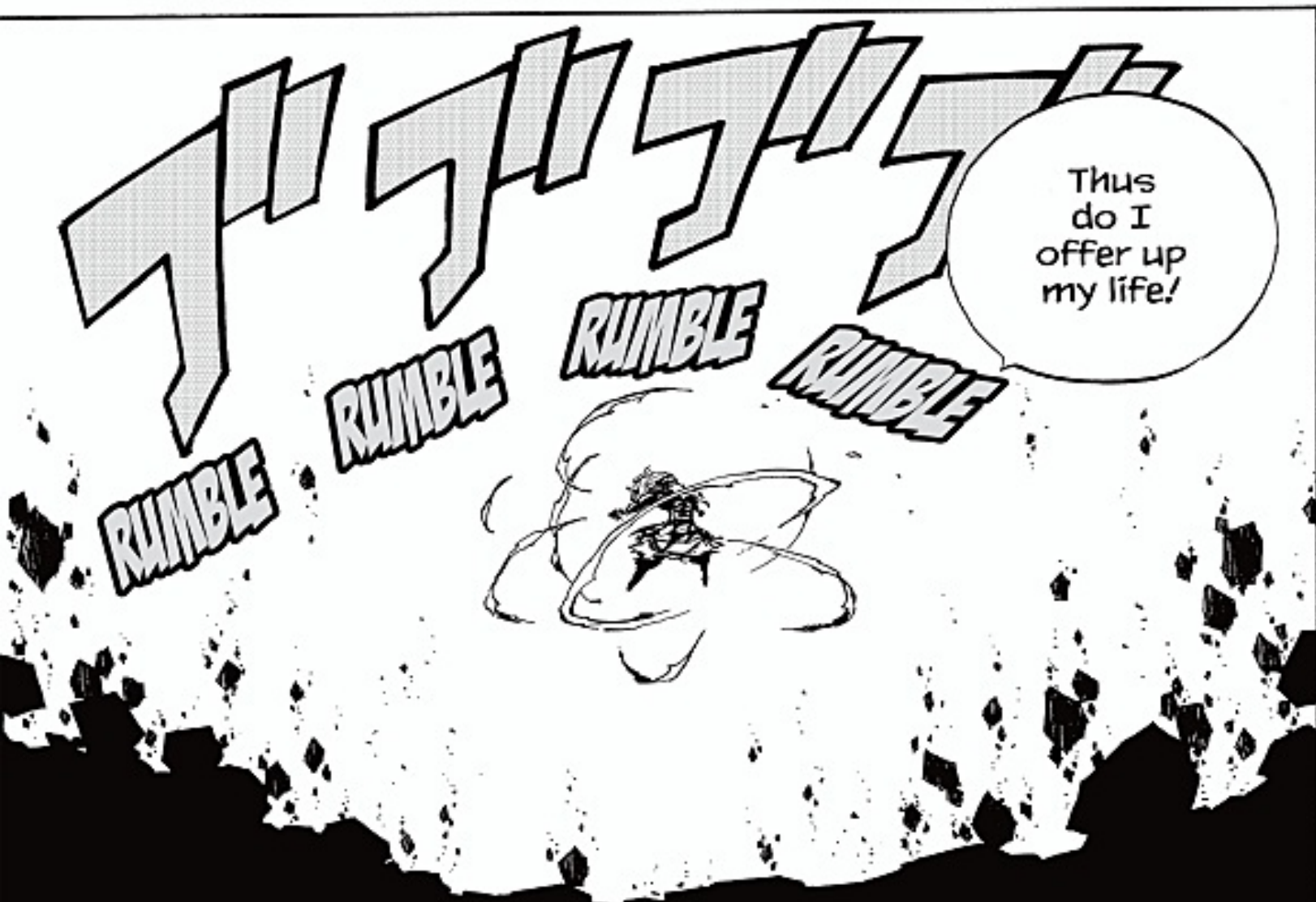


Wha
...?!



...and
turn to
dust!

Crumble...



Thus
do I
offer up
my life!

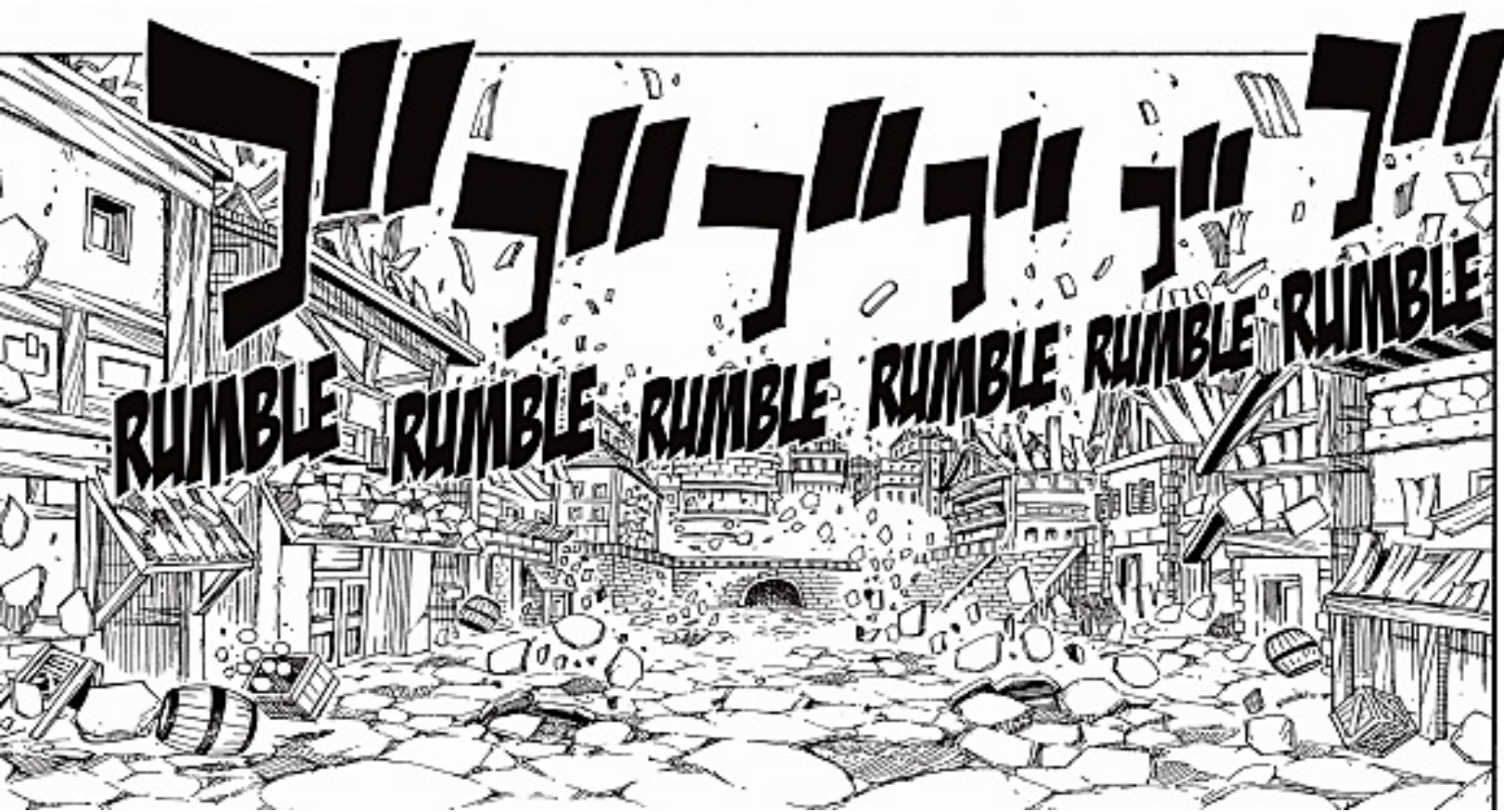
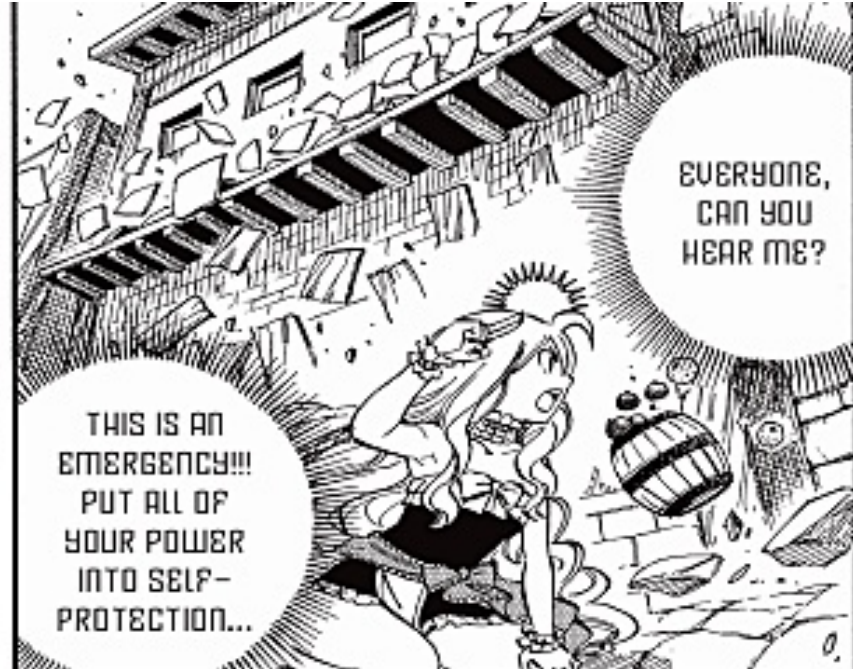
RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE





That wizard
'they call
August...?!

But who...
could have
this much
magic
power...?

Aa aa

aa aa

aa

aa

aa!!

Be
gone!!

A child
born with
tremendous
power over
the light.

The
Emperor
has a son.

... would
likely
be...

The only
one who
could
defeat
him...

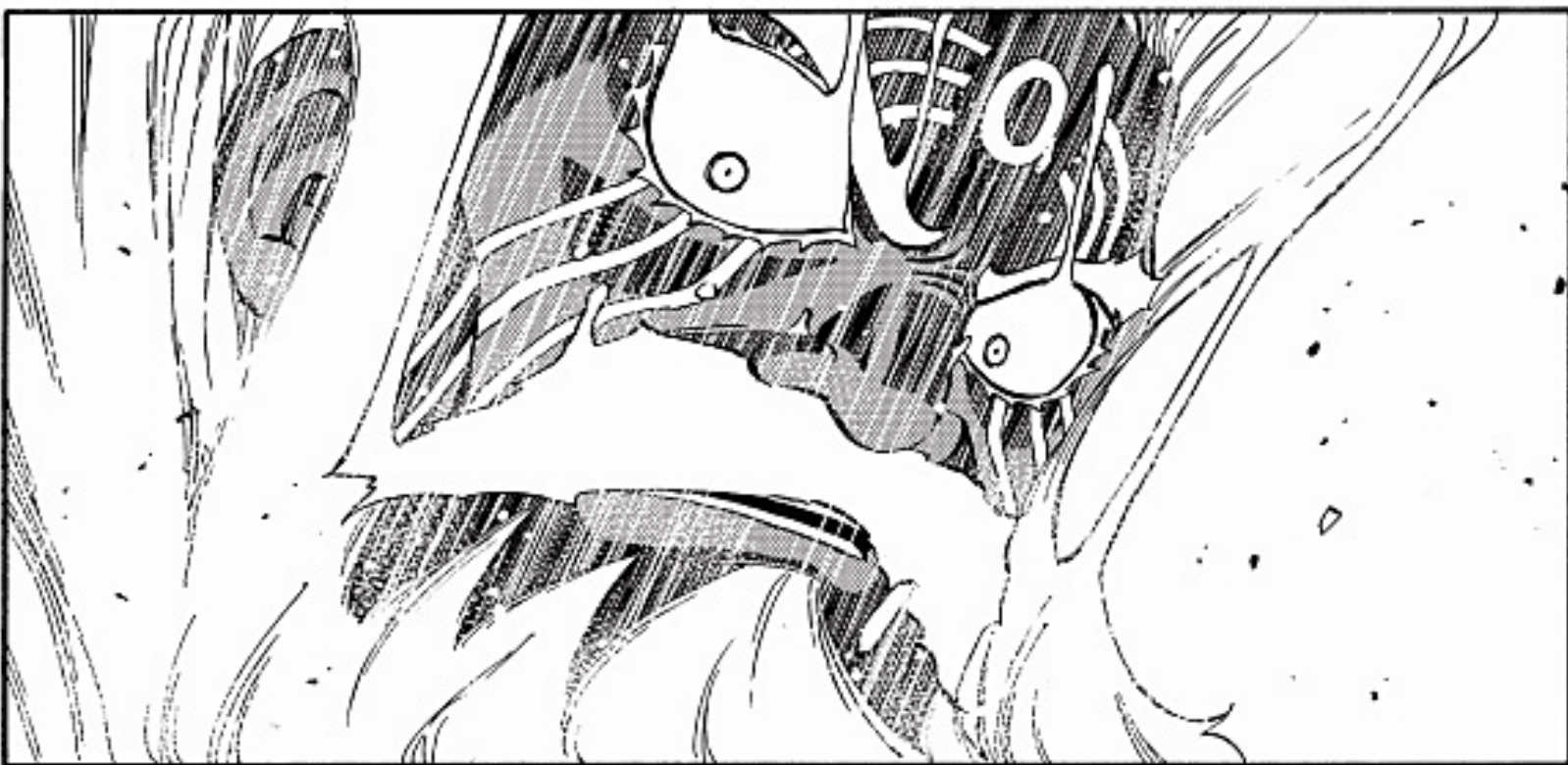
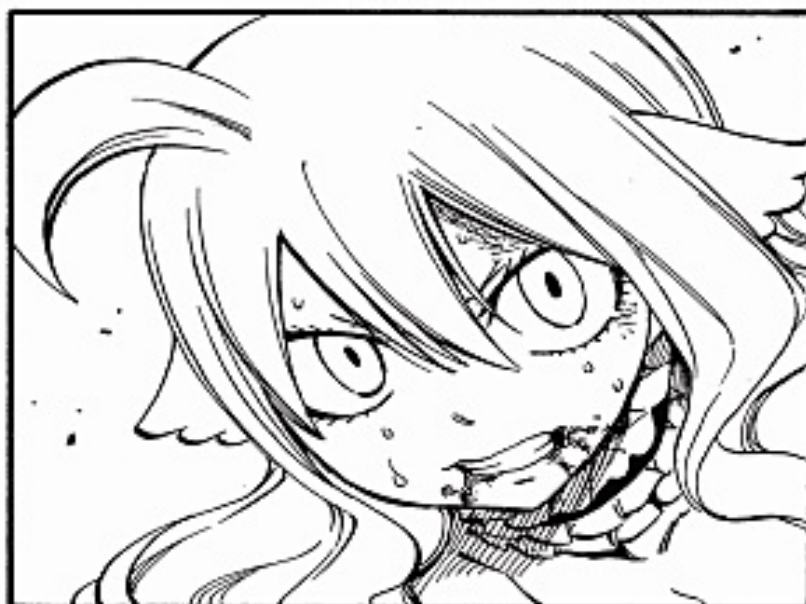
Hold on tight,
Cana! I'll
protect you,
no matter what
happens!

Urg...

Argh!

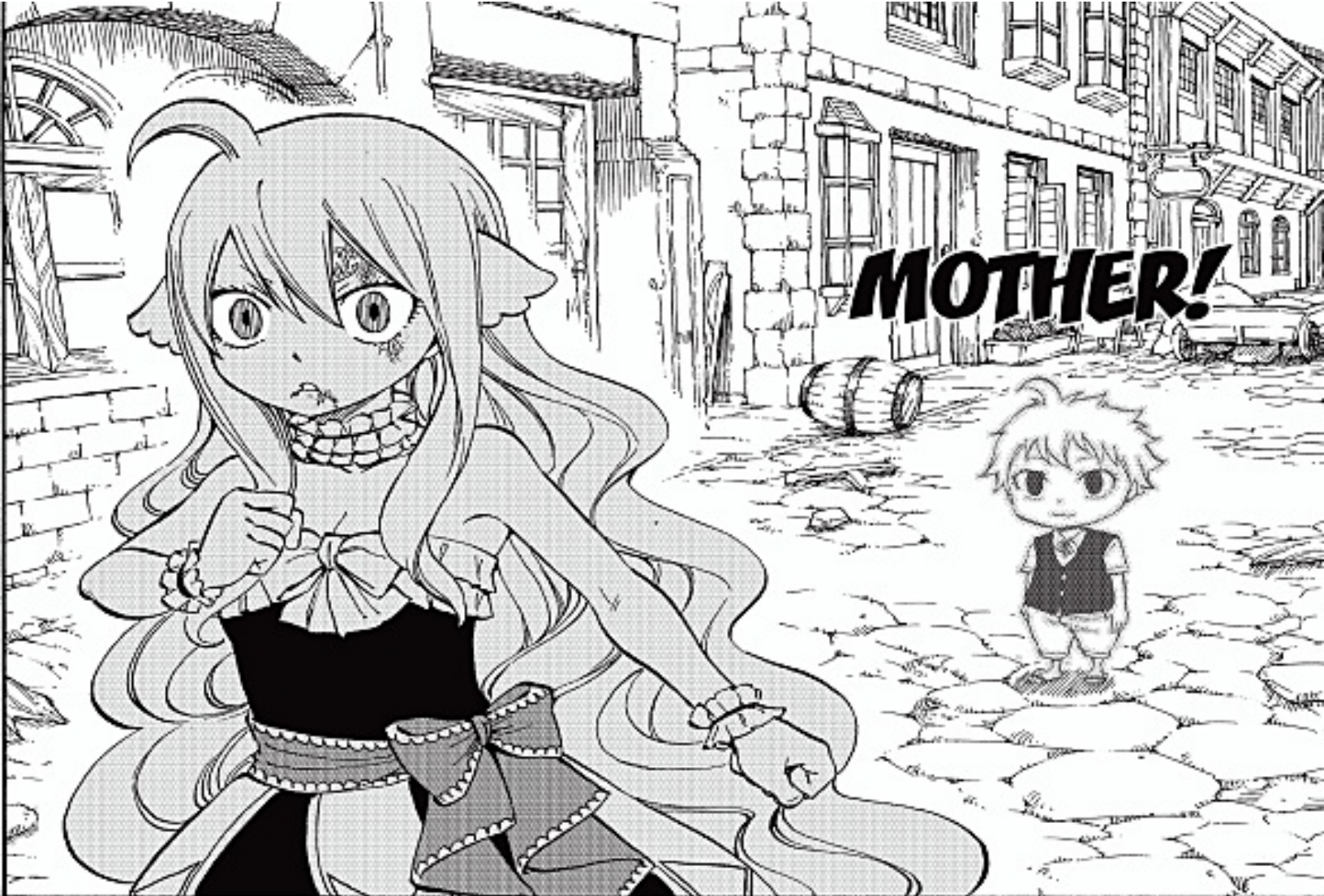


... his
own
mother.



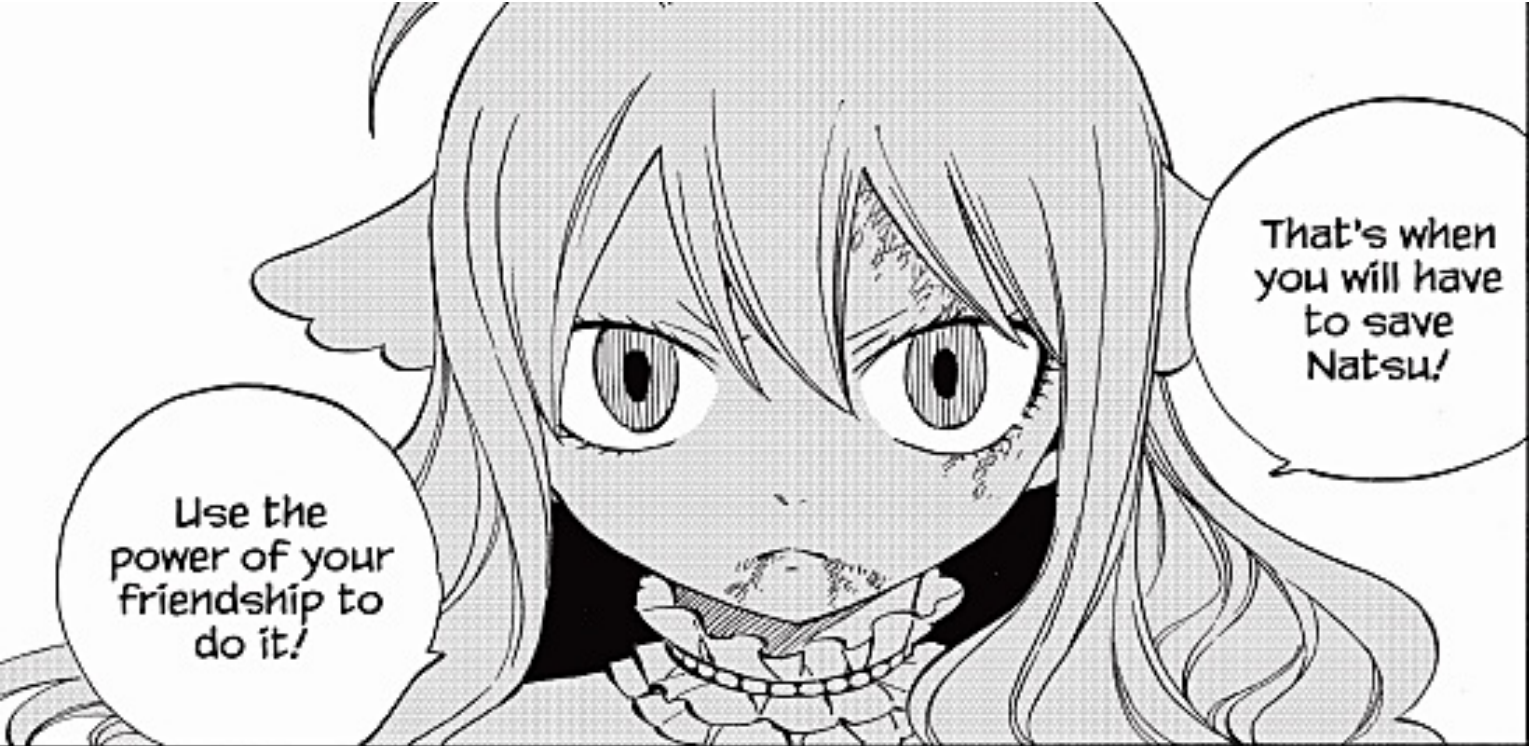














It destroys any happiness I find.



But if I ever love someone, my body kills that person.



I strove to attain happiness!



I did my best, you know.



Family's not like that!



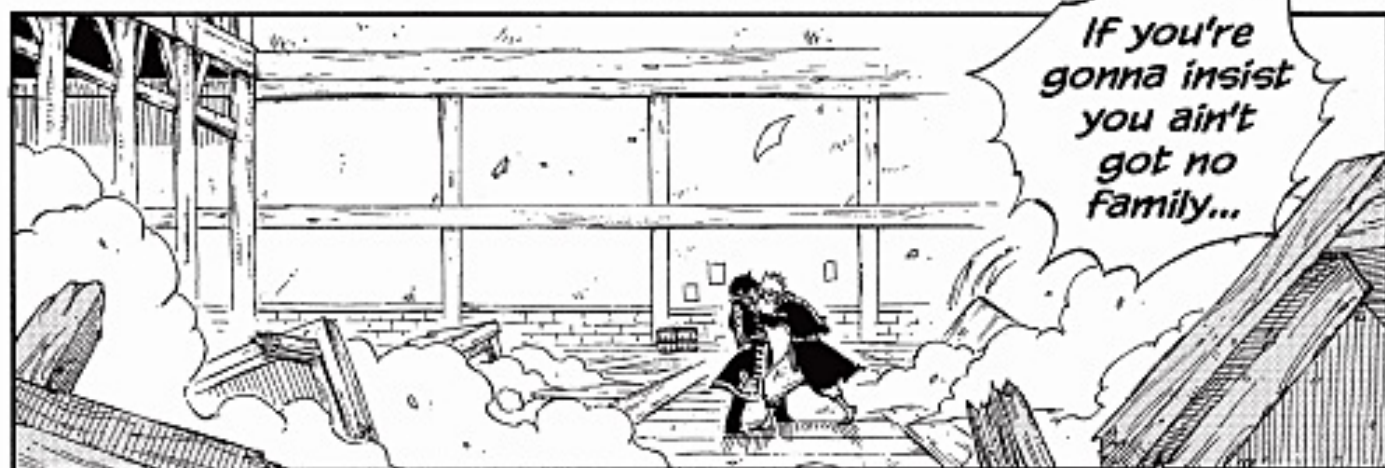
It didn't allow me to have a family...

...nor any kind of happy life! It simply didn't permit it!



THAT'S WHAT FAMILY IS ABOUT!

IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT IS OR ISN'T PERMITTED! YOU MAKE YOUR OWN HAPPINESS!



If you're
gonna insist
you ain't
got no
family...



...THEN WHAT
LITTLE BOND
WE HAVE ENDS
HERE...

...BIG
BROTHER
!!!!



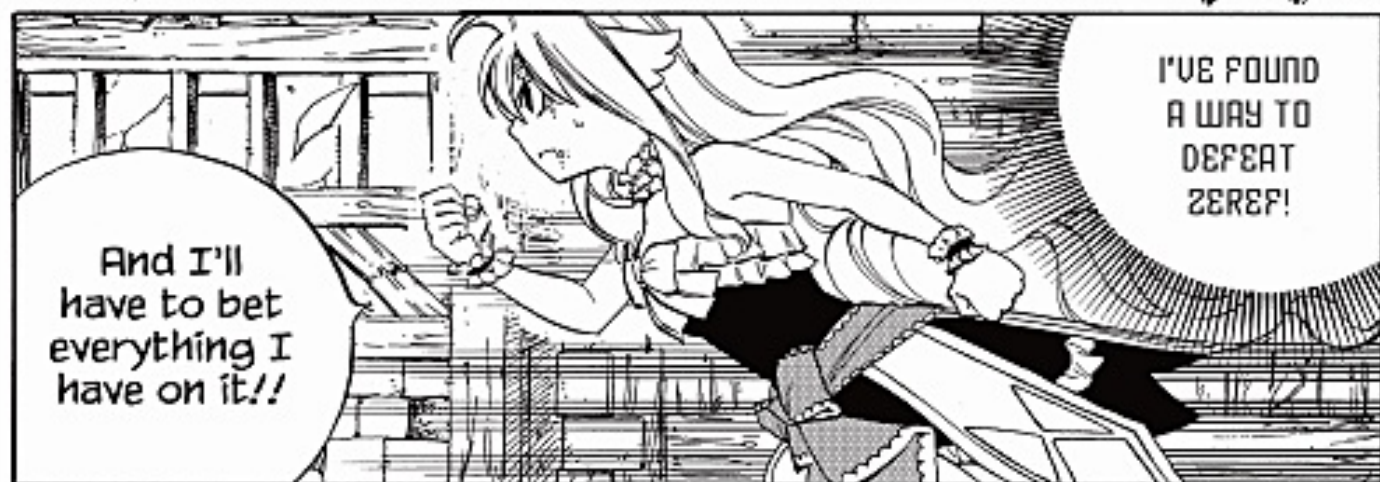
SLAP / PO

That there
was even
a bond
between us.

Strange,
isn't it?



...



TO BE CONTINUED

あとかき

Afterword

Is the full-fledged final decisive battle unravelling well...? (sweats). In the very beginning, the story was never envisioned to be this big, so whenever I'm writing the heavier parts of the story, I always worry if what I'm doing is working well.

Just some fun adventures, and solving a couple problems here and there—that's how this whole series started. But when a series goes on for a while, that alone will become a bit bland to read, so you know, I've been adding lots of other things.

The series I did before this had some pretty heavy themes, so I remember that my stance at the start of all this was that I wanted this story to be lighter. But before I knew it, it had blown up into a huge story about war... A big difference between my last work and this one is that Natsu and the guild aren't fighting for world peace. The previous one was a story where youth were fighting to save the world. This time, the characters do it for their guild. They fight only to protect their community. During the Edolas arc, you might remember that Natsu said, "We entered our guild to survive. What the "world" needs ain't up to us!"

That's not something you usually hear from the main character of a shonen manga, but I think that's a vital part of the concept of this story. They're fighting for survival. They're fighting for their friends. And something like that may have nothing to do with world peace. But that's what drives Natsu and his guild mates to heroism—that's their everything. And I love Natsu and his friends who are this way. So much that I'm tempted to keep on drawing their story forever... But I want to make a new world, new characters, and a new story. So, Fairy Tail will come to an end in two more volumes. And yes, I'm sad about that, but you see, I'm also brimming with the anticipation of new things. So, you! Yes, you, with the tears welling up! Thank you so much!! I'm planning on starting the new story very soon after this, so please watch over the Fairies' final performance.

TAIL de ART

Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! ♪

▼ What a cute expression on Natsu! It's like he's doing an "Eh heh heh" chuckle.

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Shibukawa Prefecture, Yama Saitama



▲ Yasy! Thanks for the really nice message!!

▼ I hope the bond between their parents can be passed down to their children!



Hugo Preuss, Berlin

Kanagawa Prefecture, Kurume



▲ Brandish is more popular than I expected. I like her, too!

Thanks!
I'm
doing my
best!! The
answer
to that
is coming
very
soon.



Chayman, Choru



Huang Prefecture Song Kangnang

◀ Hey, there have been a lot of post cards with Mavis and Zeref recently.

FAIRY GUILD

▼ The pair look? I think it looks surprisingly good.



Hiroshima Prefecture, Miki Toru

Osaka, Nomura Nigai



▲ Cute!! That type of dress looks good on her!

▼ Uwa ha ha! A Rogue-Fro, and tiny too!



Shiga Prefecture, Akari Saito

REJECTION CORNER

Tokyo, Gabuaki Nakama



◀ I-I don't think there's a choice. If the master says he wants to ride, he gets to ride. Hand-some man!

▶ Lucy taking a selfie with Erza! Erza's kind of cute here!



Kanagawa Prefecture, Rei



◀ This is pretty cute! Especially Wendy's expression!

Nagasaki Prefecture, Nana Nakamura

Only two
volumes left
until the end!!



Fairy Tail

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真島ヒロ

FROM HIRO MASHIMA



The second theatrical production of a Fairy Tail movie has been released!!

It's been a long time since the original announcement, but it's now taken full form.

They call me an executive producer, but to tell the truth, I didn't do anything.

I gave them the rough drawings of the story, and then I requested some images be better drawn, but that was all.

So this is just between us, but...

I really didn't do anything.

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a difficult language and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 87, Chinese New Years

Since this chapter was originally published to coincide with the Chinese New Year, the image on this title page presents quite a few customs connected with the Chinese New Year. The lanterns and signs read: Good Fortune, Happiness, Longevity, Treasure, and Celebration. The gate to the temple also says, 'Cat Gate.'

Page 164, Haja Kensei: Zetten

Haja kensei is a concept in martial arts, which tasks one to break through any evil to reveal what is right and true. Although that evil is in the form of the villains in *Fairy Tail*, a big part of this concept is breaking through evil within oneself. *Zetten* is made up of the *kanji* for 'absolute' and 'heavens,' so it can refer to a 'true heaven.'

Page 176, Ars Magia

Ars Magia in Latin can mean 'The Art of Magic.'



The award-winning manga about what happens inside you!

“Far more entertaining than it ought to be... what kid doesn't want to think that every time they sneeze a torpedo shoots out their nose?”

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An illustration of two characters from the manga Cells at Work!. On the left is a tall, muscular male character with spiky hair, wearing a white lab coat over a light-colored shirt and pants, and a cap with the Japanese characters '白血球' (Leukocyte) on it. On the right is a shorter, female character with short dark hair, wearing a dark jacket over a black shirt, a dark skirt, and a cap with the Japanese characters '赤血球' (Erythrocyte) on it. She is holding a large, open box. Both characters are looking towards the viewer.

Strep throat! Hay fever! Influenza! The world is a dangerous place for a red blood cell just trying to get her deliveries finished. Fortunately, she's not alone...she's got a whole human body's worth of cells ready to help out! The mysterious white blood cells, the buff and brash killer T cells, even the cute little platelets—everyone's got to come together if they want to keep you healthy!

Cells at Work!

はたらく細胞

A new series from the creator of *Soul Eater*, the megahit manga and anime seen on Toonami!

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-Adventures in
Poor Taste

FIRE FORCE

By Atsushi Ohkubo

The city of Tokyo is plagued by a deadly phenomenon: spontaneous human combustion! Luckily, a special team is there to quench the inferno: The Fire Force! The fire soldiers at Special Fire Cathedral 8 are about to get a unique addition. Enter Shinra, a boy who possesses the power to run at the speed of a rocket, leaving behind the famous "devil's footprints" (and destroying his shoes in the process). Can Shinra and his colleagues discover the source of this strange epidemic before the city burns to ashes?

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greatest
mysteries!

Story by Kyo
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fiction and creator of
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and *The Record of a
Fallen Vampire*.

Both touched by spirits called yōkai, Kotoko and Kurō have gained unique superhuman powers. But to gain her powers Kotoko has given up an eye and a leg, and Kurō's personal life is in shambles. So when Kotoko suggests they team up to deal with renegades from the spirit world, Kurō doesn't have many other choices, but Kotoko might just have a few ulterior motives...



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ART BY CHASHIBA KATASE



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—Anitay

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WELCOME TO THE BALLROOM

By Tomo Takeuchi

Feckless high school student Tatara Fujita wants to be good at something—anything. Unfortunately, he's about as average as a slouchy teen can be. The local bullies know this, and make it a habit to hit him up for cash, but all that changes when the debonair Kaname Sengoku sends them packing. Sengoku's not the neighborhood watch, though. He's a professional ballroom dancer. And once Tatara Fujita gets pulled into the world of ballroom, his life will never be the same.



*New action series from Hiroyuki Takei, creator of
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Nekogataro

**STRAY CAT
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By
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HIKARU SURUGA, HAJIME SHINJO, RENJURO KINDAICHI, AND YURI NARUSHIMA

A collection of chilling new *Parasyte* stories from Japan's top shojo artists!

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"I'm pleasantly surprised to find modern shojo using cross-dressing as a dramatic device to deliver social commentary... Recommended."

-Otaku USA Magazine

the. prince in his dark days

By **Hico Yamanaka**

A drunkard for a father, a household of poverty... For 17-year-old Atsuko, misfortune is all she knows and believes in. Until one day, a chance encounter with Itaru—the wealthy heir of a huge corporation—changes everything. The two look identical, uncannily so. When Itaru curiously goes missing, Atsuko is roped into being his stand-in. There, in his shoes, Atsuko must parade like a prince in a palace. She encounters many new experiences, but at what cost...?

H A P P I N E S S

——ハピネス——

By Shuzo Oshimi

From the creator of *The Flowers of Evil*

Nothing interesting is happening in Makoto Ozaki's first year of high school. His life is a series of quiet humiliations: low-grade bullies, unreliable friends, and the constant frustration of his adolescent lust. But one night, a pale, thin girl knocks him to the ground in an alley and offers him a choice.

Now everything is different. Daylight is searingly bright. Food tastes awful. And worse than anything is the terrible, consuming thirst...

Praise for Shuzo Oshimi's *The Flowers of Evil*

"A shockingly readable story that vividly—one might even say queasily—evokes the fear and confusion of discovering one's own sexuality. Recommended." —The Manga Critic

"A page-turning tale of sordid middle school blackmail." —Otaku USA Magazine

"A stunning new horror manga." —Third Eye Comics



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Having lost his wife, high school teacher Kōhei Inuzuka is doing his best to raise his young daughter Tsumugi as a single father. He's pretty bad at cooking and doesn't have a huge appetite to begin with, but chance brings his little family together with one of his students, the lonely Kotori. The three of them are anything but comfortable in the kitchen, but the healing power of home cooking might just work on their grieving hearts.

"This season's number-one feel-good anime!" —Anime News Network

"A beautifully-drawn story about comfort food and family and grief. Recommended." —Otaku USA Magazine



sweetness & lightning

By Gido Amagakure

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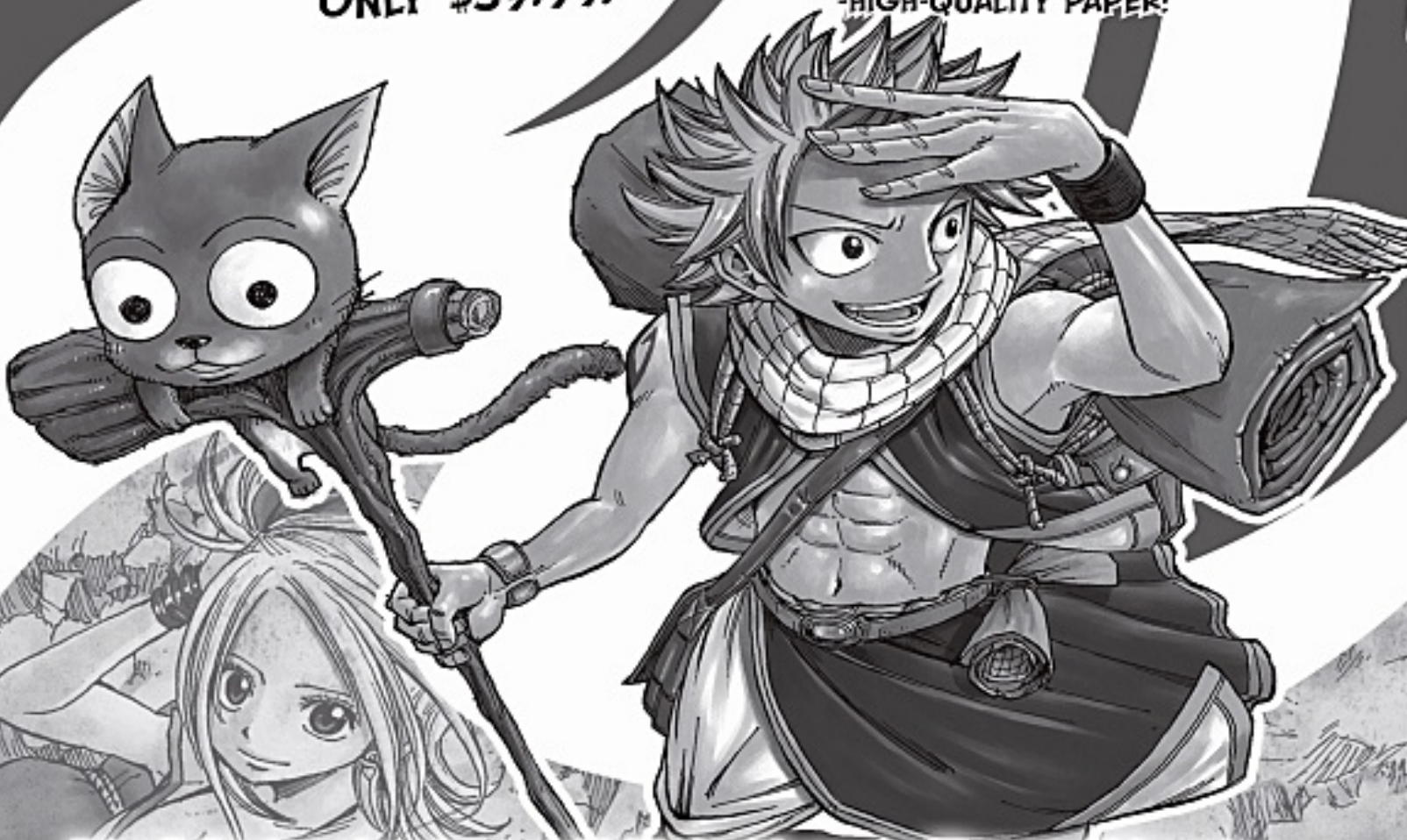
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FAIRY TAIL

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